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Hall of Fame nominations

Nominations are now being accepted for the 2014 class of the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame.

Nominations of living or deceased individuals will be accepted for consideration.

Nominees must have distinguished themselves in their business, profession, craft, or vocation, bringing honor to the Chickasaw Nation. Nominees may also have made an impact by making outstanding contributions to the Chickasaw Nation or general society.

Nominees must be citizens of the Chickasaw Nation or be eligible to become Chickasaw citizens.

Elected officials and current employees of the Chickasaw Nation are not eligible for induction into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame while holding office or employed.

Inductees must commit to being present for the banquet and induction ceremonies in spring 2014.

A nomination form is available on the Chickasaw Nation website at www.chickasaw.net/hof. Nominations are due to the Chickasaw Nation Department of Culture and Humanities by Monday, December 2, 2013.

Nominations should be sent to Brielle Helm, Department of Culture and Humanities, P.O. Box 1548, Ada, OK 74821 or emailed to Brielle.Helm@Chickasaw.net.

For more information contact Brielle Helm at (580) 436-2603.

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Language Survey

What does your language mean to you?

Joshua Hinson, director of the Chickasaw Language Revitalization Program, and Ivan Ozbolt, doctoral candidate in anthropology at the University of Oklahoma, have compiled a survey to discover your thoughts on the Chickasaw language.

The survey is available online at www.surveymonkey.com/s/chickasawlanguage.

The 35-question survey takes about 20 minutes and asks for your views regarding the Chickasaw language and knowledge of current Chickasaw language revitalization programs. By taking the survey you will help community leaders and specialists strengthen Chickasaw Nation language programs. While the survey focuses on the Chickasaw language, anyone who is interested can take the survey.

Mr. Ozbolt has been interested in issues of language revitalization in Native American communities since the beginning of his graduate studies at the university. He has been attending Chickasaw language classes and other community events in Chickasaw country over the last few years.

For more information, contact the Chickasaw Nation Department of Chickasaw Language at (580) 436-2603.

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Voters can request additional Times copies

The Chickasaw Times mail lists have been consolidated so each Chickasaw household will receive one newspaper.

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State of the Nation 'best ever,' Gov. Anoatubby says

Chickasaw Nation in the midst of 'true renaissance'

TISHOMINGO, Okla. - A huge gathering at the Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation erupted in thunderous applause when Governor Bill Anoatubby announced "the state of the Chickasaw Nation is the best ever!"

Addressing a crowd that spilled out of Fletcher Auditorium into an overflow tent on the campus of Murray State College, Gov. Anoatubby noted the recent success of the tribe was consistent with the perseverance displayed by the Chickasaw people throughout history.

He went on to list numerous examples of exponential growth which placed the recent success of the Chickasaw Nation into historical context. The Chickasaw Nation, the Governor said, was experiencing a true renaissance in almost all areas. The tribe has risen to a place of influence, he said, that produces positive effects on education, government, the economy, health care, social welfare and society in general.

The text of the Oct. 5 address is included below:

Welcome to the 53rd Chickasaw Annual Meeting and thank you for being here today!

People are listening on KCNP and watching on the Chickasaw.net website.

It's great to be together again right here in our capital of Tishomingo, and on the campus of Murray State College, of which I'm an alumnus.

We appreciate the hospitality of both the city and the college.

Thanks to Mayor Tom Lokey, the city council and the residents of Tishomingo for their helpfulness.

Also, thanks to President Joy McDaniel and the Board of Regents, of Murray State College, for your support and your assistance.

The support of these fine institutions and their leadership makes the Chickasaw Nation Annual Meeting and Festival.

We had a lot of activities this week.

We had the golf tournament, the softball tournament, the Junior Olympics and the cornstalk shoot.

Chickasaw Renaissance

Gov. Bill Anoatubby presents the State of the Nation during the 53rd Chickasaw Annual Meeting in Tishomingo, Okla. The state of the Chickasaw Nation, the Governor said, was "the best ever!"

Let's congratulate Little Miss Chickasaw Jacee Underwood, Junior Princess Faithlyn Seawright and Chickasaw Princess Savannah Burwell.

And congratulations to our elected officials who took the oath of office.

We appreciate Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Beth

SEE **STATE OF THE NATION**, PAGE 15

2013-14 Chickasaw Princess, Junior Princess, Little Miss Chickasaw crowned at Annual Princess Pageant

Chickasaw Royalty begin year-long reign

Gov. Bill Anoatubby, left, and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, right, with the 2013-2014 Chickasaw Nation Royalty crowned Sept. 30 in Ada, Okla. The Princesses are, from left, Little Miss Chickasaw Jacee Underwood, Chickasaw Junior Princess Faithlyn Seawright, and Chickasaw Princess Savannah Burwell.

ADA, Okla. – Three young Chickasaw ladies were named Chickasaw Royalty at the 2013-14 Chickasaw Princess Pageant on Sept. 30. The pageant was conducted at the Ada High School performing arts center.

Savannah Nicole Burwell, 20; Faithlyn Taloa Seawright, 15; and eight-year-old Jacee Grace Underwood, all of Ada, were crowned Chickasaw Princess, Chickasaw Junior Princess and Little Miss Chickasaw, respectively. Gov. Bill Anoatubby crowned the newly-elected royalty.

"It is a source of great joy to see these young ladies take pride in our culture as they contend for a place among Chickasaw royalty," said Gov. Anoatubby. "All of these extraordinary young ladies exemplifies the best qualities of what it means to be Chickasaw. We look forward to the new princesses taking up the mantle of culture bearer. They will be carrying on the proud tradition of all those who have done an exceptional job of representing the Chickasaw Nation."

The newly-crowned Chickasaw Nation Royalty will travel to numerous events and gatherings throughout their year-long reign. They will represent the tribe at venues across the country.

Contestants were judged on traditional dress, poise and random questions.

The pageant also featured a display of the candidates' talents. Singing, instrumental

SEE **PRINCESS PAGEANT**, PAGE 2

From left, Chickasaw legislators Linda Briggs, Timothy K. Colbert, Mary Jo Green, Beth Alexander and tribal Supreme Court Justice Mark Colbert at the Oath of Office ceremony Oct. 1 in Ada, Okla.

Chickasaw Nation elected officials take oath of office

ADA, Okla. - Five Chickasaw Nation elected officials were sworn into office Oct. 1 at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center in Ada.

Four tribal legislators and one tribal Supreme Court Justice received the oath of office from Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court Chief Justice Barbara Smith.

Legislators Mary Jo Green, Linda Briggs, Timothy K. Colbert and Beth Alexander, along with Supreme Court Justice Mark Holmes Colbert, won their respective races in the July 31 general election.

Mrs. Green, of Ada, will represent Pontotoc District, Seat 5. Mrs. Briggs represents Pickens District, Seat 3.

Mr. Colbert, of Sulphur, is the Tishomingo District, Seat 2 legislator, and Mrs. Alexander, of Achille, will continue to fill Seat 1 of Panola District.

Justice Colbert, of Ardmore, was reaffirmed to Seat 1 on the court during the ceremony.

Each of the candidates ran as an incumbent.

Chickasaw Legislators and Supreme Court Justices serve three-year terms.

The Chickasaw Nation Legislature is comprised of 13 members, elected from the Chickasaw Nation's four legislative districts: Panola, Pickens, Pontotoc and Tishomingo.

The Chickasaw Nation Supreme Court has three justices, each elected by Chickasaw voters from all four legislative districts.

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performances, storytelling and dance were just a few of the talents displayed.

The winners each received a crown, traditional dress, shawl, sash, trophy, gifts and cash prizes.

Savannah Nicole Burwell was selected Chickasaw Princess.

Miss Burwell is the 20-year-old daughter of Jason Burwell and Leta Miller Burwell. She is a sophomore at Southeastern Oklahoma State University where she is majoring in business.

"Being Chickasaw Princess will open opportunities for me to share our rich history of who our people are," Miss Burwell said. "We are known as the 'Great Unconquered and Unconquerable Chickasaw Nation' and, as I continue to learn, I do know much sacrifice and suffering was endured by our ancestors in creating the strong nation we are today.

"I enjoy being a role model to our young people and want to share how the old ways are the foundation of our success today. It's important to know where we came from so we are prepared for the uncertainties of tomorrow.

"We are also challenged to preserve our language. More fluent speakers are needed and I know we, the young people, are important to nurturing and strengthening our language.

"As a child, I remember visiting my Mema. She and my uncle would be at the kitchen table speaking our language but would grow silent or begin speaking English when company arrived. My parents and I have set a goal to become fluent speakers believing that, one day, there will be no silence and my children and their child will join in the conversation. Though a great endeavor, my parents have taught me we are never alone when taking on the challenges of life.

"There is so much to learn from our elders and I am thankful for what's been passed on to me. We must all cherish these moments keeping them fresh and alive.

"Being Miss Chickasaw will open doors of opportunity to share with our young ones, as well as the world outside our Oklahoma boundaries," Ms. Burwell concluded.

Faithlyn Seawright creates a charcoal drawing of the Chickasaw warrior - with the canvas upside down – during the talent portion of the Chickasaw Princess Pageant, Sept. 30 in Ada, Okla. Miss Seawright went on the win the Chickasaw Junior Princess title. Marcy Gray

Eight-year-old LaKala Sahale Orphan, of Ada, Okla., performs a piano solo during the Chickasaw Princess Pageant talent competition. Miss Orphan is the daughter of Ruebin Ray Orphan and LaTonia Sue Orphan.

Faithlyn Taloa Seawright was selected Chickasaw Junior Princess.

Miss Seawright is the 15-year-old daughter of Larry Seawright and Gwendolyn Burris. She is a sophomore at Latta High School, Ada.

"I am 15 years old and an honor student at Latta High School where I am an FCCLA member, a student in the gifted and talented program and a member of Governor's Honor Club," Miss Seawright said. "I am involved in many activities, including Chickasaw Choir, Chikasha Apihchi Ikbi (Creating Chickasaw Leaders), Chickasaw School of Guitar, Chickasaw Summer Arts Academy, Oklahoma Federation of Indian Women, All Nation Pow-Wow committee, a summer youth worker at Arts and Humanities and a member of Round Lake Indian Church. I've been a student in the Chickasaw language program and will continue my studies when the new season begins this fall," she said in her contestant profile.

"I am 47/64 Chickasaw/Choctaw. My late grandparents are Rev. Lee (4/4 Chickasaw/Choctaw) and Mildren Bohanon Burris (7/8 Chickasaw/Choctaw) and Jack and Elsie Keel Seawright (4/4 Chickasaw). My great-grandfather Noah Burris was 4/4 Chickasaw as was my great-grandfather Archison Keel.

"I am currently the 2013 All Nations Pow-Wow of Ada Princess and have held this title for two years. I have had the privilege and experience to travel and attend many events as Princess. Holding this title has helped me to gain public relation skills which I utilize in every area of my life and I have had much fun in representing our committee.

"As Chickasaw Junior Princess, I will be an ambassador for our unconquered and unconquerable Chikasha people. Wearing this crown and being recognized as Junior Miss will be a great honor and I will enjoy every minute of immersing with our people, culture and traditions. I've had the pleasure of participating in various Chickasaw organizations and greatly cherish the friendships and opportunities I've made while learning about our tribe.

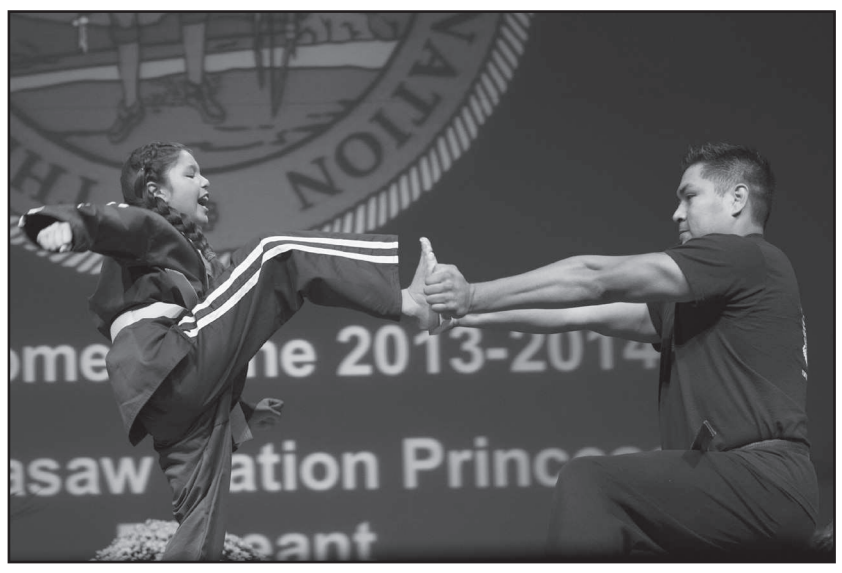
"Being Junior Miss will enable me to increase my knowledge of our history, from our removal from Mississippi to our ever-advancing innovations in our tribe. There are always new camps and programs that give me and other youth the opportunity to discover our talents and I enjoy these times of sharpening my skills.

"As Junior Miss, I will encourage our youth to be actively involved in our tribe, whether it's being in Apihchi Ikbi, CSSA or going to the Halloween lock-in. I am grateful to be a member in many organizations because I'm given the tools to experience different areas and this has helped me as a young artist.

"I plan to attend college as an art major and I love to draw and write. I've entered my artwork in several contests such as the Native American Language Fair, the Dynamic Women of the Chickasaw Nation Conference and Forum, Chickasaw Southeastern Art Show and Market and 2013 Red Earth youth art competitions. Two of my illustrations are published in the upcoming *Footprints Still Whispering in the Wind* (Chickasaw Press) and I was recently invited as one of seven youth Chickasaw artists to assist artist Brent Greenwood on a "Chikasha Yanush" project. "As a 2011 CSSA student, I wrote a poem *Heart of a Dancer* and this was published in the worldwide magazine *The Cumberland Presbyterian*. I am grateful to the Chickasaw Nation for allowing me these opportunities to enhance and showcase my art.

"As Chickasaw Junior Princess, I shall be a positive example and represent our people in the highest fashion," Miss Seawright concluded.

Jacee Grace Underwood is the eight-year-old daughter of Joseph Underwood and Eugenia Postoak Underwood. She is in the third grade at Homer Elementary School, Ada.



Little Miss Chickasaw Candidate Jacee Underwood demonstrates martial arts skills during the talent competition of the Chickasaw Princess Pageant.

Chickasaw Junior Princess contestant Hailey Ellis shares Chikasha stories during the talent competition of the Chickasaw Princess Pageant, conducted Sept. 30 in Ada, Okla. Miss Ellis was named first runner-up in the Chickasaw Junior Princess category.

She is following in her mother's footsteps.

"I think it will be fun to see new places and meet new people," Miss Underwood said. "Being princess will be a new adventure for me. It will be an honor to represent the Chickasaw Nation on my new adventures.

"Also, because my Mema was Chickasaw Princess and I look up to her for being a strong Chickasaw woman and leader," Miss Underwood concluded.

Julie Underwood was named the first runner-up 2013-2014 Chickasaw Princess. Chickasaw Junior Princess first runner-up was Hailey Ellis and first runner-up as Little Miss Chickasaw was Lauren Key.

The 2012-2013 Chickasaw Royalty, Chickasaw Princess Autumn Underwood, Chickasaw Junior Princess Chelsea Wedlow and Little Miss Chickasaw Payton Robertson, all of Ada, also bid farewell at the Chickasaw Princess pageant.

Miss Robertson told the capacity crowd she could not believe the year she served went by so quickly.

"It makes me sad that I will no longer be Little Miss Chickasaw, but I know the new Little Miss Chickasaw will have as much fun as I had and that makes me happy," she said.

She thanked all of the people who encouraged her to compete for the title and said serving has boosted her confidence.

"I have learned so much this last year about my Chickasaw heritage," Miss Robertson concluded.

Outgoing Chickasaw Junior Princess Chelsea Wedlow thanked her family and supporters for making her realize "I come from a long line of strong Chickasaw women. I served the Chickasaw Nation and stood tall representing the people of the unconquered and unconquerable Chickasaw Nation."

Ms. Wedlow drew laughter from the gathering when she related how her brothers teased her about being a princess, but she thanked them for "keeping me grounded in my thoughts and actions" during her reign.

Chickasaw Princess Autumn Underwood said, "It seems hard to believe a year has passed, but I thank God for making me worthy enough to hold the title of Chickasaw Princess. The memories I have will be enough to last a lifetime. Never give up on the beauty of your dreams. Always be strong and never give up."

Royalty from other tribes were also special guests at the pageant.

For more information about the Chickasaw Princess Pageant, call (580) 310-6620.

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History of Chickasaw Royalty dates to 1960s

The reign of a Chickasaw Princess has been a Chickasaw Nation tradition since the 1960s. Chickasaw Princesses have historically played a special role in representing the tribe.

Ranell (James) Harry, the daughter of former Chickasaw Governor Overton James, was the first Chickasaw Princess. Ms. James' reign began the rich history of the Chickasaw Princess.

Since the reign of the first Chickasaw Princess, there have been 46 Chickasaw Princesses. With the addition of royalty, Little Miss Chickasaw in 1988, and Junior Chickasaw Princess in 1993, there have been nearly 90 princesses.

Chickasaw Nation now accepting online donations for Chickasaw survivors of disaster

The Chickasaw Nation is accepting online monetary donations to support Chickasaw citizens and Chickasaw Nation employees affected by disasters throughout the country.

You are encouraged to help those affected by visiting www.Chickasaw.net/relief to make your donations to the Chickasaw Nation Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund.

The goal of the fund is to offer individuals the opportunity to contribute to relief and recovery efforts associated with disasters and crises, such as the May tornados that impacted multiple Oklahoma communities.

One hundred percent of the donations received will be used to fund disaster relief and recovery efforts. Donations will be effectively and efficiently distributed to serve as many individuals as possible, while also maintaining a high level of accountability.

All donations are tax deductible and a tax receipt will be provided upon completion of the donation.

For more information regarding donations, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 or ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net.

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Native American Heritage Month a great time to discover your tribe!

GOV. BILL ANOATUBBY

Governor, the Chickasaw Nation

November is the perfect month to engage in rediscovery of your Chickasaw heritage.

November is "Native American Heritage Month," and what better time to study your tribe, your family and your heritage! If you will commit to a little reading and some investigation, you may reconnect to the Chickasaw Nation in ways you never imagined.

In our busy, modern world, we can often put off those important tasks that somehow never seem to be completed. Most of us are working, raising families and so much more. Today's world is a busy world! But just a little time spent this month delving into your unique background will likely prove quite rewarding.

Our tribe's Department of History and Culture is always ready to assist you in your endeavors. Headquartered at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla., the History and Culture staff can offer great suggestions on how you can begin looking into your tribe and your history. The Holisso Center, on the grounds of the Cultural Center, is a wonderful place to learn and spark new ideas about your Chickasaw heritage.

Your tribe offers so many opportunities today. Take advantage of what is available to you and you will almost certainly be led to new levels of discovery.

Native American Heritage Month was officially established in 1990. President George H.W. Bush signed a joint resolution designating November "National American Indian Heritage Month." The name of the recognition has undergone some evolution, but the intent is always the same: to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions and sacrifices, as well as the cultural and historic legacies, of American Indian and Alaska Native people.

The quest for a day set aside for honoring Indian people has its roots in the early 20th century. Dr. Arthur Parker, a Seneca Indian and pro-Indian activist, lobbied for a national day of recognition. Dr. Parker was a founder of the Society of American Indians and the National Congress of American Indians. He did not succeed in securing a national day for Indian recognition, but he did convince the Boy Scouts of America to establish a day for "First Americans" in 1912.

Another activist used a unique and historic technique to gain recognition for Indians. In 1914, Rev. Red Fox James, a Blackfeet Indian, traveled to Washington, D.C., on horseback to petition the President Wilson for an "Indian Day." Unsuccessful in that endeavor, he later traveled to many states, again on horseback, to build support among the states' governors. He secured 24 gubernatorial endorsements backing an "Indian Day."

There were other early quests, but the full recognition of Native American Heritage Month would not come until 1990. The following year, President Bush signed a Senate Joint Resolution designating 1992 the "Year of the American Indian," and interesting juxtaposition to the year's recognition of the Columbus Quincentennial.

There are so many ways today to reconnect with the Chickasaw Nation. You could read one of the many volumes related to the tribe published by the Chickasaw Press. You can enjoy a full-length movie like the Chickasaw Nation-produced "Pearl" about the life of Chickasaw aviatrix Pearl Carter Scott. A game of stickball will connect you to the game our ancestors played centuries before us. And connecting with a Chickasaw elder can open up a whole new world of discovery.

In today's world we seem to be always rushing. Our day-to-day world often does not include reflection. This month, Native American Heritage Month, take the time to reach out and build that bond with the Chickasaw Nation. You'll discover much about your past – and you'll be excited about your future!

Dr. Shannon Speed named 'Dynamic Woman of the Year'

Arts and Culture Awards presented; Chickasaw Press releases three new books

The Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Awards were presented Oct. 3 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur, Okla. Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby, center, and Lt. Gov. Jefferson Keel, far left, joined the honorees for the ceremony. From left are: Lt. Gov. Keel, Haley Bishop, Lisa Rutherford, Brenda Kingery, Silver Feather award winner Jerry Imotichey, Gov. Anoatubby, 2013 Dynamic Woman of the Year Dr. Shannon Speed, Scott Roberts , Josh Tingle, Troy Jackson, C.J. Aducci and Me-Wah-Sey Greenwood. Marcy Gray

SULPHUR, Okla. - A committed advocate of indigenous people, a native speaker of the Chickasaw language, and Southeastern artists and authors were among those recognized during the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Culture Award ceremony Oct. 3 at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Dr. Shannon Speed

Dr. Shannon Speed, a dedicated Chickasaw anthropologist, was named the 2013 "Dynamic Woman of the Year" by Governor Bill Anoatubby.

Dr. Speed's distinguished career has been dedicated to research and teaching on Native peoples. She has worked for the last two decades in Mexico with Mayan communities. Her research and teaching interests include indigenous politics, indigenous women's rights, human rights, indigenous-state relations, law and social systems, indigenous migration, and activist research.

"Dr. Speed is the epitome of a dynamic Chickasaw woman," Gov. Anoatubby said. "She is dedicated to promoting social justice and equality through research and education. Her work is helping develop a greater understanding of indigenous cultures which could help enhance the quality of life of Native people around the world."

Dr. Speed has a long-standing interest in fostering dialogues among indigenous peoples.

A resident of Austin, Texas, the Chickasaw anthropologist is also a committed advocate of collaborative research, working in Mexico and in Texas. She also coordinates the Indigenous Women Migrants Oral Histories Project. She played a key role in founding the Indigenous Studies Initiative at the University of Texas at Austin, which she also directed from its inception in 2007.

She is an accomplished author, publishing numerous books and edited volumes in English and Spanish.

Dr. Speed's current research is on indigenous Latin American women migrants and gender violence, and she has two books in progress.

She earned her master's degree and doctorate in Anthropology and Native American Studies from the University of California-Davis. She also holds a master's degree in Latin American Studies from UT-Austin and a bachelor's degree in International Relations from San Francisco State University. She is currently an Associate Professor of Anthropology and Director of Native American and Indigenous Studies and has recently served as Assistant Vice President for Community Engagement at the University of Texas at Austin. She is also active in the Native American and Indigenous Studies Association.

Dr. Speed is a proud Chickasaw and has been part of the Chickasaw Community Council of Central Texas since 2006. She has served as an at-large board member and as secretary of the board.

A Los Angeles native, Dr. Speed is the granddaughter of original enrollees Samuel Joseph Speed (Chickasaw) and Ottilie Josephine "Jo" Reichert (Choctaw).

Established in 2006, the Dynamic Woman of the Year Award honors Chickasaw women who have made significant contributions to the tribe, serve as role models and have made a difference in the lives others, enriching their communities and society at large.

Jerry Imotichey, native Chickasaw speaker, was honored with the 2013 Silver Feather Award.

A life-long resident of Fillmore, Okla., Mr. Imotichey is a Chickasaw native speaker who currently facilitates the Chickasaw language class at East Central University in Ada. An active member of the Chickasaw language committee, Mr. Imotichey co-authored *Anompilbashsha Asilhha Holisso: Chickasaw Prayer Book*, and serves as translator for the Glenda Galvan series of Chickasaw children's stories.

Jerry Imotichey

"Mr. Imotichey demonstrates a great understanding of the importance of Chickasaw language revitalization and preservation," Gov. Anoatubby said. "He is a worthy recipient of the Silver Feather Award."

Mr. Imotichey accepted his award, one of the highest honors given by the Chickasaw Nation, thanking those who encouraged him to share the Chickasaw language.

The Silver Feather Award honors Chickasaws who have committed their lives to the preservation and revitalization of Chickasaw culture, language and life ways. Created in 1999, past recipients include Adam Walker, Pauline Walker, Charlie Carter, Juanita Byars, Sim Greenwood, Geneva Holman, Leerene Frazier, Rose Jefferson, Stanley Smith, Marie Beck, Jerry Underwood, Catherine Pickens Willmond, Weldon Fulsom and Emma McLeod.

Lisa Nelson, C.J. Aducci, Brian Nelson and Kari Chew were each honored with Heritage Preservation Research Awards.

Ms. Nelson and Mr. Aducci were honored with Chickasaw Press Heritage Preservation Awards and Mr. Nelson and Ms. Chew received White Dog Press Awards.

Ms. Nelson received the Best Unpublished Article award for his article *"Moving Forward with Indian Portrayals through Chickasaw film."* Ms. Nelson is a student at East Central University pursuing a bachelor's degree in English. She previously served as the director of Pueblo Community College Children's Theatre program.

Mr. Aducci won the Best Doctoral Dissertation award for his dissertation *entitled "Itt' at Skka' Wayya'ahookya Ikkobaffo (Trees Bend, but Don't Break): Chickasaw Family Stories of Historical Trauma and Resilience Across the Generations."* Mr. Aducci earned his doctorate in human ecology with a specialization in marriage and family counseling from Kansas State University in 2013. He currently serves as program manager for Chickasaw Nation Office of Strong Family Development.

Mr. Nelson received the Ikbi Award – Short Story for *"All Chickasaw Nine,"* which features contemporary Chickasaw characters. Mr. Nelson lives in Weatherford, Texas with his wife and three children.

Ms. Chew won the Iholba Award – Poetry for *"Four Directions."* She is pursuing a doctorate in education at the University of Arizona.

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Southeastern Art Show and Market winners

Awards were also presented to winners of the Southeastern Art Show and Market.

The top winners in each category were:

Best in Show – Troy Jackson

Best in Division, Cultural – Lisa Rutherford

Best in Division, 3-D Art – Scott Roberts

Best in Division, 2-D Art – Brenda Kingery

Youth Art Show Winners:

Best in Show – Haley Bishop

Best in 2-D Art – Joshua Tingle

Best in 3-D Art – Mia Olson

Best in Cultural Division – Me-Wah-Sey Greenwood

The show is open to all artists of Southeast and Woodlands tribes.

Also during the awards ceremony, three new Chickasaw Press publications were released.

"Chikasha Stories, Volume Three: Shared Wisdom," by Glenda Galvan and illustrated by Jeannie Barbour is the final volume in the award-winning three-part series. Chickasaw storyteller Glenda Galvan shares stories with the original, tradition-inspired illustrations by Chickasaw artist Jeannie Barbour. These beautiful stories are told in Chickasaw and English.

"Riding Out The Storm: 19th Century Chickasaw Governors, Their Lives and Intellectual Legacy," by Dr. Philip Carroll Morgan. Dr. Morgan takes a unique approach as he profiles three Chickasaw governors: Cyrus Harris, Winchester Colbert and William L. Byrd. Using literary backdrops that directly relate to each man's experiences, Dr. Morgan draws new insight as he explores gubernatorial connections.

"Footprints Still Whispering In The Wind" by Margie Testerman, illustrations by Chickasaw children. This collection of poems by Chickasaw elder Margie Testerman honors her heritage and the natural world that influenced every aspect of her ancestors' lives. Each poem is illustrated by a Chickasaw child, giving a glimpse into their world of imaginations and wonder.

For more information on the books and other Chickasaw Press publications, please visit www.chickasawpress.com.

This month on CNTV

· Meet a Chickasaw man who was the model for a famous artist's rendition of a Chickasaw warrior. Find out more about this story in this month's episode.

· We visit the Chickasaw Cultural Center to capture the sights and sounds of Fall Festival. Watch this month on CNTV.

· Tune in and learn more about the incredible story of Andrew Smith and his racing quarter horse "Wicked Courage."

….and much more! New episodes are available on the first and fifteenth of each month.

Visit www.chickasaw.tv and click on the News channel to watch CNTV.

Thankful for opportunity to serve Chickasaw people on the tribal legislature

Hello Everyone,

With the Thanksgiving Holiday fast approaching, I am always reminded of the many blessings God has given me and my family. I look back over the past year's events and reflect on the progress the Chickasaw Nation has made and I am so happy to be a part of it.

CONNIE BARKER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

I have many things to be thankful for and the first is my relationship with the Lord. He has blessed me with a wonderful husband who is very supportive, four great children and three beautiful grandchildren. I have the pleasure of working full time in the healthcare industry, where my goal has always been to help others. But the biggest blessing I receive from the Lord is the opportunity to serve the people of the Chickasaw Nation.

I am very thankful for the opportunity to meet new Chickasaw Citizens, young and old and feel a sense of pride knowing I belong to such a great tribe. As a Legislator, I have the opportunity to travel to Community Councils throughout the United States and when we leave, I always take back the same message and that is how blessed we are as a tribe.

I just wanted to take this moment to remind each of us to give thanks for all we have as a Native American tribe and say an extra prayer for those tribes who struggle to provide services to their citizens. And as you gather with family and friends around your Thanksgiving tables this year, say an extra prayer for our service men and women who are serving our country far from home.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Legislator and God bless you,

Connie Barker

National Congress of American Indians brings tribes together on issues of common interest

Chokma, Chinchokma, Hello, How are you?

This year's Annual Meeting and Festival was one of the best ever. Except for a little wind and rain during the parade, it was a perfect day. It was great to see so many Chickasaws in attendance. If you did not get to attend this year, I hope you will resolve to come in 2014.

During October, I also had the honor of attending the 70th National Congress of American Indians, which was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma this year. Founded in 1944, the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) is the oldest, largest, and most representative American Indian and Alaska Native organization serving the broad interests of tribal governments and communities. NCAI is dedicated to improving the quality of life for Native communities and people.

NANCY ELLIOTT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Conferences are held semi-annually at different locations. This is a time when Native Americans, representing tribes from across the United States, can come together and find their common issues. Learning what other tribes are doing and how they are serving their people in the areas of education, health, elder care, culture, the arts, and business development is a good way to determine if we are doing all we can to help improve the lives of all Chickasaws.

It's also a good time to discuss ways we can help each other by sharing ideas and best practices, collaborating on projects, or forming partnerships. There is definitely strength in numbers, and we find that many tribes are facing the same issues that we are. By joining together, we can then work to get laws passed to help Native Americans all over the United States.

This is the time of year when we pause to give thanks for our many blessings. I hope you all have a very Happy Thanksgiving. Please let me know if I can help you in any way.

Chipisala' cho anowa, Until I see you again,

Nancy

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Car Care Day set for Nov. 16 in Ada

The Chickasaw Nation will host "Car Care Day" from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 16. The event will be at the Ada landscaping facility, 529 S. Latta Road.

Trained professionals will be on hand to evaluate the cars' performance and maintenance requirements. Windshield washer fluid and antifreeze will be filled. Tire pressure will be checked and adjusted as needed. Recommendations will be made on the condition of tires, windshield wipers and motor oil.

Car Care Day is free to Chickasaw Nation citizens and employees. For more information, contact Jonathan Fulsom at (580) 421-7728.

October flies by like a blur; Annual Meeting and Festival fun despite a little weather

Wow! Did you see how fast the month of October went by? The Annual Festival Day seems like a blur. The weather did give us a few problems, therefore, having a nice leisurely day seeing the sights and visiting with fellow citizens didn't go as planned. Next year has to be better!

BETH ALEXANDER

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Here are a couple of highlights from the month of October. Senior Olympics were held at the Murray State College softball Complex in Tishomingo, OK. It was a fun day with various sporting events for seniors to participate in. Once again, Panola District brought home some medals. Yahoo! Sid Tolbert was awarded a Gold Medal in Men's Horseshoe Pitching and a Gold Medal in Men's Softball Throw. CO Houston picked up a Gold Medal in Men's Yard Darts and wife, Shirley, brought home a Gold in Women's Archery and a Bronze in Women's Yard Darts. Congratulations to our Winners and thank you to all our center directors and workers for making this event possible.

The Chickasaw Press releases new books for publication. This year one of their releases is entitled Footprints Still Whispering In The Wind by Margie Testerman. This book is Margie's first published collection of poetry. Her work is inspired by her desire to share the strength, beauty and grace of her Native American heritage. She is a member of the Panola District. Her mother and grandmother, Lorene Powell and Ellen Sheco were born and raised in Kemp, Oklahoma. (Kemp is just down the road from where I live) When Margie is not writing, she enjoys a variety of activities, such as working in her flower beds, doing counted cross stitch, crochet and designing personalized Christmas ornaments for her grandchildren. It doesn't take long to see, that she is always working on a project. Busy is her middle name.

Recently, Margie called informing me of her impending book signing at her local newspaper office, The Cushing Citizen. Could I come? Yes. It was nice to be on hand and witness Margie Testerman sitting behind that desk signing autographs in her new book in her own hometown! If you are interested in ordering Footprints Still Whispering In The Wind, contact the White Dog Press, a subsidiary of the Chickasaw Press. (580) 436-7282. Congratulations Margie and good luck on your future publications.

Last month I mentioned Janice Sealy Tune was inquiring about her long lost friend, Faynee Bell Williford. The girls had attended Carter Seminary together. I just love this part- a call came in, and Ms. Williford has been located! I can't wait to hear how their reunion went! Thanks to all of you who take the time to contact me and make the connection. It is so important to stay in touch.

"Every man's way is right in his own eyes, but the Lord weighs the hearts. To do righteousness and justice is desired by the Lord rather than sacrifice. Proverbs21: 2-3

Beth Alexander

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Mr. Jim Perry, Editor of The Cushing Citizen, Mrs. Margie Testerman.

From left, Sid Tolbert, C O Houston, Shirley Houston.

Common threads among the Five Civilized Tribes allow us to share with each other

Hello Everybody,

It was sure good to see those of you who braved the cold and rain to attend the annual festival in Tishomingo. I'm always amazed at the distances some Chickasaws travel to take part in the festivities. I got to visit with people from Texas, California, New Mexico, Kansas, Arkansas and as far away as Oregon. It is always good to connect with our tribe and experience our culture.

KATIE CASE

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

As a tribe, we have cultural and historic connections with other tribes. I recently attended the quarterly meeting of the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes. When I spend time with members of the other civilized tribes, I am reminded of the similarities in our cultures.

When I am with them, I feel like we have more things in common than we have differences. For example, although our languages sound different, they have the same origins. Also, the cultures of all five tribes are spiritual and church centered. Like the food we call "pishofa" that the Seminoles and Creeks call "sofkee," we hold experiences in common that bind and connect us. We also share some tragic experiences like Removal from our homelands and the Dawes Commission.

One of the highlights of the inter-tribal meeting was the play, "The Dawes Commission," presented by the Muscogee (Creek) Nation. It is an original play written by Muscogee Creek, Bob Hicks that wonderfully illustrates the enrollment and allotment of land experience endured by all Five Civilized Tribes.

The Dawes Commission was the U.S. government's effort to determine who among the Five Civilized Tribes was qualified for individual land allotments in Indian Territory. The play illustrated the struggles of a widowed Creek and her family to deal with an overbearing Dawes Commission agent, understand English and comprehend land allotment to a single person. She had only known land to he held in common by her tribe. It also illuminated the earned distrust of white men, government employees and otherwise, who were here to exploit the Indian people.

George Tiger, Chief of the Creek Nation, said it best when he explained that the play was not just about what happened to Creek Indians. He further explained that because all five tribes had to deal with the Dawes Commission, it is a play about all of us.

For me, the play affirmed the strong connections shared among the peoples of The Five Civilized Tribes.

If I can help you, or if you just want to visit, call me at (580) 421-4903. You can also send me an email at wkcase@cableone.net

Respectfully,

Katie

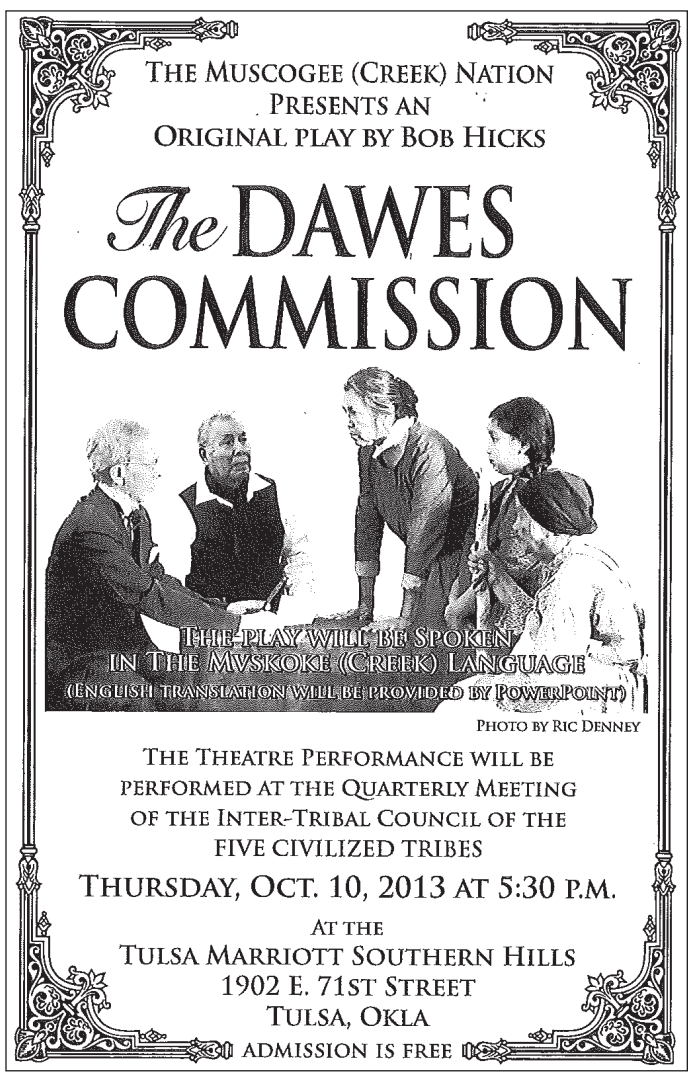
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PHOTO BY RIC DENNEY
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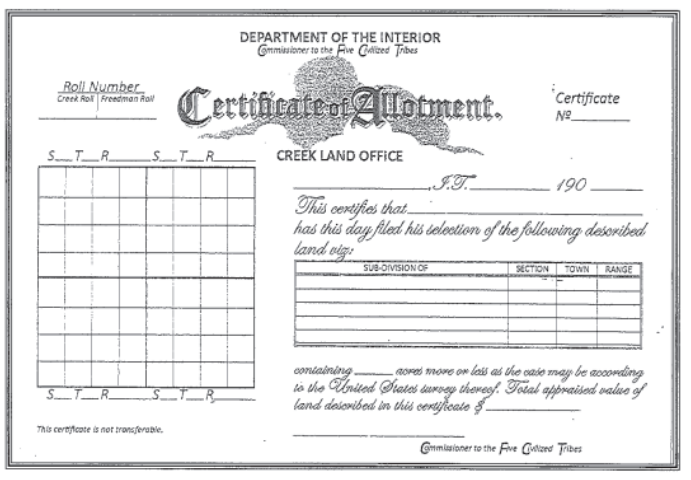
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Accomplishments of our tribe may be attributed to the 1983 constitution, and hard work!

Chukma!

Greetings from the Tishomingo District!

As we gather around the Thanksgiving table with friends and family this month to ponder our personal blessings, we should also take time to remember the strides the Chickasaw Nation has made in the past quarter-century.

TIM COLBERT

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

We should celebrate and be thankful for our bounty of good fortune.

Together, we have toiled and strived for progress of our great Chickasaw Nation. Together, we are seeing today success not even imagined in the early days when I served as a member of the tribal council.

We knew as we drafted the new constitution in 1983 that great things were to come if we worked hard. Today we are seeing those hopes, dreams and aspirations come to fruition.

The Chickasaw Nation is now an economic force on a global scale; employing more than 12,000 people throughout the world and overseeing a vastly diverse portfolio of businesses.

Our tribe has made great advances in services to our people; healthcare, education, commerce, housing and senior programs, and we should be thankful.

As I took the oath of office for my 11th term as your Tishomingo District representative Oct. 1, 2013, I felt very thankful and appreciative to you and your confidence in my abilities.

I wish you a Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family, and as always, I thank you for allowing me to serve as your representative on the Chickasaw legislature.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Tim Colbert
Tim.Colbert@chickasaw.net
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Take advantage of weekly Chickasaw language classes now happening in area cities

Chokma,

I hope all is well with you and your family.

October was a busy month in the Chickasaw Nation with the 53rd Annual Meeting and 25th Chickasaw Festival leading off the events. A highlight of the week for me was Cultural Evening. I enjoyed viewing the artists' entries for the Southeastern Art Show and Market. The show gets bigger and better every year. During the Arts and Culture awards that evening, Dr. Shannon Speed from Austin, Texas was recognized as the Dynamic Woman of the Year, and Jerry Imotichey was the recipient of the Silver Feather Award for his work in preserving and revitalizing Chickasaw culture and language. Both Dr. Speed and Mr. Imotichey are very deserving, and I am grateful for their contributions.

TOBY PERKINS

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Speaking of Silver Feather Award winners, I want to make everyone in the Ada area aware that 2012 recipient Emma McCleod teaches a language class on Saturday mornings starting at ten o'clock in the Chickasaw Nation Information Technology Training Room. Chickasaw community language classes meet once a week in Ada, Ardmore, Oklahoma City, Purcell, Sulphur and Tishomingo. If you are interested in more information regarding a language class, please contact the Chickasaw Nation Department of Language at (580) 436-7272.

The time spent with my family around the table eating, playing games, and visiting are some of my most treasured memories. That is probably why Thanksgiving is one of my favorite holidays. I wish you and your family the very best as you come together this Thanksgiving.

I would love to hear from you. Please contact me with your concerns, needs or questions. I am here to help.

May God bless you and your family.
Toby Perkins, Legislator
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Correction

Due to a reporter's error, a story in the October *Chickasaw Times* concerning a Colt .45 pistol donated to the Chickasaw Cultural Center reported an incorrect burial location for the weapon's owner.

Holmes Willis, who died in 1914 in Kingston, Okla., is buried in the family cemetery in Willis. Mr. Willis was a prominent Chickasaw and served as the tribe's schools superintendent. He was also was appointed one of the tribe's representatives to ensure the Dawes Commission roles were accurate.

The pistol was passed down through generations of family and donated to the Cultural Center by Mr. Willis' great-great-grandson, William Holmes Willis.

'Coming Home' a fitting theme for this year's Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival

Hello and greetings from Legislator Mary Jo Green, Seat 5, Pontotoc District. We had many events during October and I was able to attend several.

The Chickasaw Festival kicked off with the annual Princess Pageant and the coronation of three lovely ladies. All of the contestants were extremely talented and the judges had difficult decisions to make. Congratulations to all the contestants! Then the games began for all ages and the winners received medals.

MARY JO GREEN

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

Cultural Evening at the Chickasaw Cultural Center was one of the best ever. At the annual meeting, the MC was Lisa Johnson Billy, former Legislator and currently a state representative. Lisa Billy is one of the best at making everyone feel welcome and glad that they attended. Governor Anoatubby, of course, made sure that everyone knew that times are good in the Chickasaw Nation.

In spite of a rain shower and chilly weather, the parade was one of the best we've ever had. Many of the floats were outstanding. Lunch was delicious also. The overall theme for this year's Festival was "Coming Home" which fit the event perfectly. I saw guests from at least 10 other states and many enjoyed the accommodations at the new Artesian Hotel in Sulphur.

October saw two fall festivals, one for Newcastle Community Council and one for Oklahoma City Council at the Todd Griffin Farm. The Inter-tribal Council held its meeting in Tulsa and the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) held a week-long convention and market also in Tulsa. A reception was held for outgoing NCAI president Jefferson Keel and Crowe and Dunlevy law firm honored Congressman Tom Cole and Oklahoma Speaker of the House T.W. Shannon, both Chickasaws.

All these events made October the busiest month of the year and it seems that each year October gets busier and with bigger and better results. I know we sure look forward to it every year!

I would love to hear from you. My email address is mary.green@chickasaw.net and my address and telephone number are listed elsewhere in this and every issue of *the Chickasaw Times* and on the Chickasaw Nation web site. Until next time, I wish God's blessings on all of our people. Thank you!

Austin Council offers great food and fellowship; call for information on eagle feathers

Chuckma!

I recently attended the Austin Council picnic in Hutto, Texas. I just wanted to say that Charles Holland is doing a great job with the council. They had an excellent turnout and the food was great. I enjoyed Jay Hurst's different pashofa recipes. They had a Texas flare with a little spice. I also learned an important aspect in regards to the possession of Eagle feathers for tribal members. They can be obtained through the proper channels by being a tribal citizen with very little effort. If anyone wants to know the process, please let me know.

SCOTT WOOD

Chickasaw Tribal Legislature

The Chickasaw Festival had an impressive turnout this year. The rainy weather did not seem to dampen the spirits of the visitors to Tishomingo. On the first Saturday the Junior Olympics finished just before the rain arrived. We had a large crowd on the last day for the Governor's State of the Nation at Murray State College. I encourage everyone to attend this event. It provides an excellent insight to how the Chickasaw Nation is continuing to flourish and our future as a Nation. Unfortunately, the parade did not get completed due to the rain. However, I noticed that it did not affect those attending. I believe that is the most people I have ever seen watching the parade and attending the festivities in the park. The Chickasaw Festival seems to continually grow every year.

The Cultural Evening at the Chickasaw Cultural Center was a very enchanting evening. There was a great turnout and numerous fine works of art on display. I would like to say congratulations to my good friend Jerry Imotichey for being selected for the Silver Feather Award. This award is presented to a Chickasaw that has excelled in preserving and revitalizing our culture and language for future generations. Jerry is a fluent speaker that has taught the language for many years. Also I have to add that my friend Emma McLeod was last year's recipient. It is an honor and a privilege for me to personally know both of these elders. I want to say thank you for your dedication to preserve the Chickasaw culture through our language.

Chokma'shki,
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Count of Voters by District

Panola	2,012	Pontotoc	13,090
Pickens	8,163	Tishomingo	5,729
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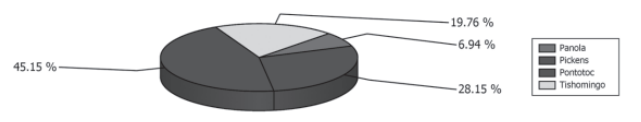

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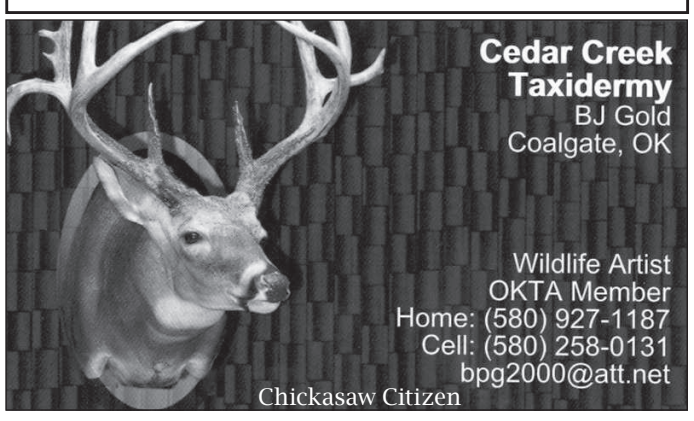

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Homelands provide 'new perspective'

Clemente humanities students make homelands trip, study Natchez Trace

Chickasaw Nation Clemente students and advisors rrecently visited and conduct research on the Natchez Trace Parkway. From left are Dr. Tom Cowger, Elena Jimenez, Marissa Moore, Gina Brown, Jennifer Watson, Laura Clark, Robbie Hatton, Cameron Cowger, Micah Hart, Michael Chestnut and Dr. Scott Barton. (Not pictured, Brad Deramus. Photo submitted by Brad Deramus).

MEMPHIS, Tenn. - The Chickasaw Nation's Clemente humanities course students traveled to the Natchez Trace Parkway to conduct research and explore the homelands of the Chickasaw people. The students included eight Chickasaw citizens, Chickasaw Nation employees and East Central University students and advisors.

During the eight-day trip, students had the opportunity to visit many ancestral sites including Pinson Mounds in Tennessee, Woodland Mound in Mississippi, the Chickasaw Preserve and the site of the Battle of Ackia.

Research conducted during the trip will help students develop lesson plans focusing on the relationship of the Chickasaw people and the Natchez Trace Parkway. The curriculum will be used in high school classes.

"Visiting the homelands helps you see the Chickasaw people through a new perspective," Chickasaw Nation Director of Chickasaw Cultural Center Operations Brad Deramus said. "The experience will enhance the guided tours at the Chickasaw Cultural Center and provided more information on pre-Removal."

Chickasaw Nation Clemente Humanities Course

The Clemente humanities course is offered at East Central University in Ada, Okla., and Southeastern University in Durant, Okla. Students in Clemente I explore Chickasaw humanities in contrast to Western humanities. Clemente II students discover aspects of Chickasaw humanities as contrasted to other North American tribal cultures.

Along with readings and lively class discussions, humanities professors and notable guest lecturers help students through the discovery process with special presentations in the fields of government, art, language, literature and other disciplines.

CONTRIBUTED BY Nicole Walls, Public Affairs

Plan now to attend the Nov. 13 Chickasaw Cultural Center Lecture Series on Chickasaws, Natchez Trace

The Chickasaw Cultural Center has several upcoming lecture opportunities featuring the advisors and students who attended the Natchez Trace Parkway visit.

Nov. 13, 1.-3 p.m.

"Chikasha on the Trace: Telling Our Story"

Dr. Thomas Cowger, East Central University Director of Native American Studies

Laura Clark, ECU Adjunct Faculty

Jane Farmer, Natchez Trace Parkway

Nov. 16, 1- 3 p.m.

"Chikasha on the Trace: Student Perspective"

Brad Deramus, ECU student

Micah Hart, ECU student

Dr. Scott Barton, ECU professor

Dec. 11, 1-3 p.m.

"Chikasha on the Trace: Student Perspective"

Gina Brown, ECU Student

Margaret Roach Wheeler

Chickasaw weaver, artist featured in Ardmore 'Fire and Light' exhibit

ARDMORE, Okla. - Award-winning Chickasaw weaver, textile artist and designer Margaret Roach Wheeler will be featured in the "Fire and Light" exhibit at the Goddard Center in Ardmore. The exhibit opened November 1 and will run through November 23.

The exhibit will include "Lowak Shoppala" costumes and recreations of historic Chickasaw clothing by Ms. Wheeler.

Ms. Wheeler has been a National Museum of the American Indian artist-in-residence. She has exhibited works at the Museum of Art and Design and the National Museum of the American Indian, both in New York, and the Institute of American Indian Arts, among many others. She has won numerous awards, including the President's award at Red Earth Festival and Eiteljorg Indian Market Purchase award for the feather cape and kilt she designed for the Chickasaw Nation original production, "Lowak Shoppala." She also won "Best of Class" at the Heard Museum Indian Fair and Market and has placed many times at Southeastern Art Show and Market.

A former teacher, Ms. Wheeler is now owner/operator of her company, Mahota Handwovens, designing and marketing hand woven contemporary fashion, costumes, and traditional Native American regalia. She actively participates in Chickasaw Nation events and generously volunteers her time to teaching Chickasaw youth in the Chickasaw Nation Summer Arts Academy.

The Goddard Center is located at 401 1st S.W., in Ardmore. For more information on "Fire and Light," contact Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

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Great experiences await the entire family!

Special Chickasaw Cultural Center holiday celebrations kick off November 2

SULPHUR, Okla. - From honoring our veterans to celebrating holiday traditions, several exciting events are planned this holiday season at the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur.

Multi-Tribal Celebration, November 2

Many Native American tribes will gather at the Cultural Center Saturday, Nov. 2 to celebrate Multi-Tribal Day.

Several tribes will be engaged in activities in the Traditional Living Village. There will be archery contests, stomp dances, stickball games, Native hymns, demonstrations and storytelling throughout the day.

Veterans Day Celebration, November 9-11

A Veterans Day Celebration, a three-day observance to honor all men and women of the armed forces, will be Friday, Nov. 9 through Sunday, Nov. 11.

Special stomp dances honoring military personnel and airing of a film to honor veterans are planned for the weekend.

Active military and veterans will receive free admission to the Chikasha Poya Exhibit Center, and a 10 percent discount in the Aaimpa Café.

Thanksgiving Celebration, November 22 – 24

A three-day Thanksgiving Celebration is planned Friday, Nov. 22 through Sunday, Nov. 24.

Guided tours of the Traditional Village will be conducted throughout the day, plus a miniature Native American holiday ornament class and a children's Christmas tree workshop are planned.

Holiday sales will be offered in Cultural Center retail shops.

Up Go the Lights! Dec. 2

The Chickasaw Cultural Center Christmas lights will be turned on Monday, Dec. 2 at 6 p.m. The free drive-through light display will be open every evening from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., during the month of December.

Christmas Celebration, December 7

The annual Christmas Celebration set for Saturday, Dec.7 will include celebrations of several significant holiday traditions.

Pictures with Santa will be available in the Anoli Theater Lobby. A miniature Native American ornament class is planned, as well as a Christmas tree workshop for children.

The Chickasaw Press will conduct a book signing and holiday sales will be offered all day at Cultural Center retail shops.

A holiday film will be screened in the Anoli Theater, and a Native flute concert is also planned.

Guided tours of the Traditional Village will also be available.

For more information about any of the upcoming events, contact the Chickasaw Cultural Center at (580) 622-7130, or online at www.chickasawculturalcenter.com.

The Chickasaw Cultural Center is located at 867 Charles Cooper Memorial Drive in Sulphur, Okla.

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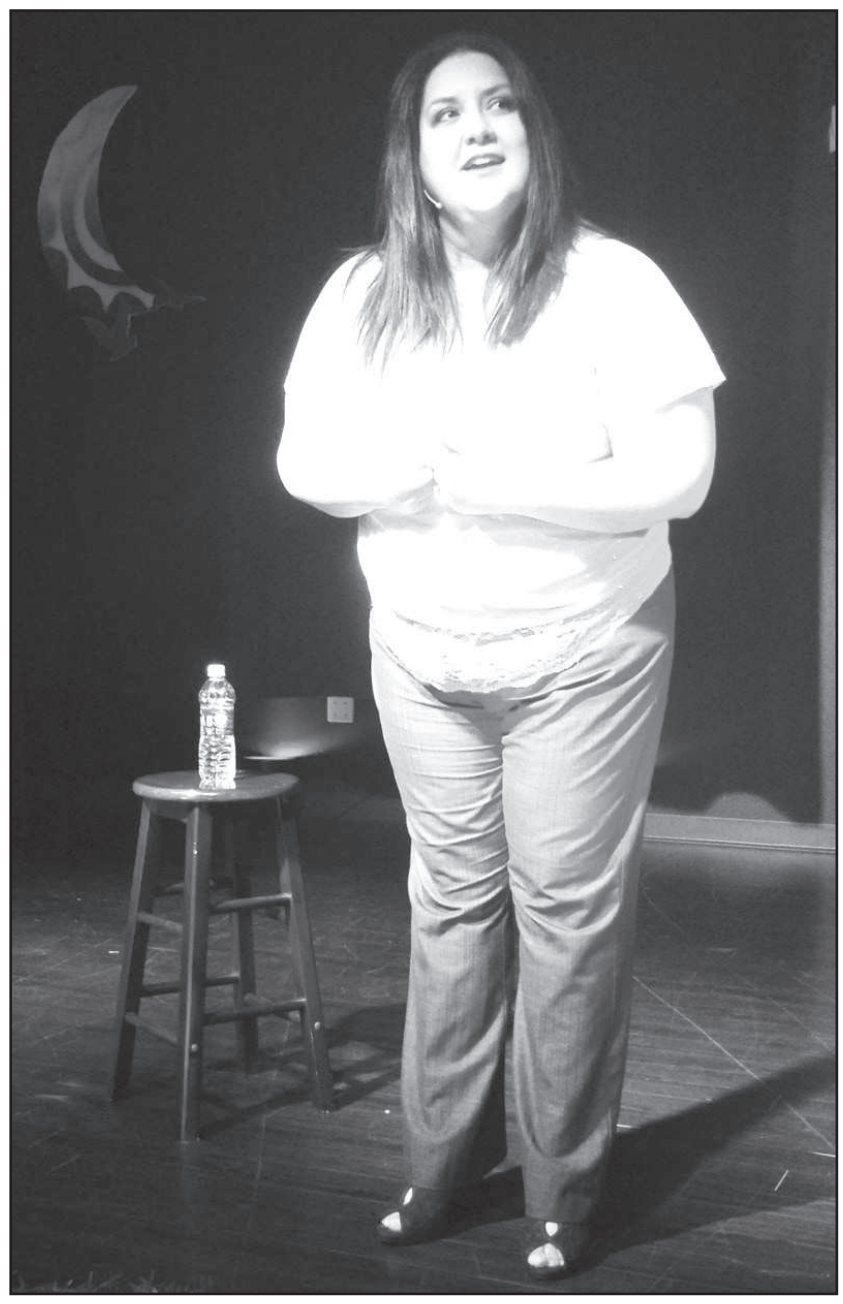
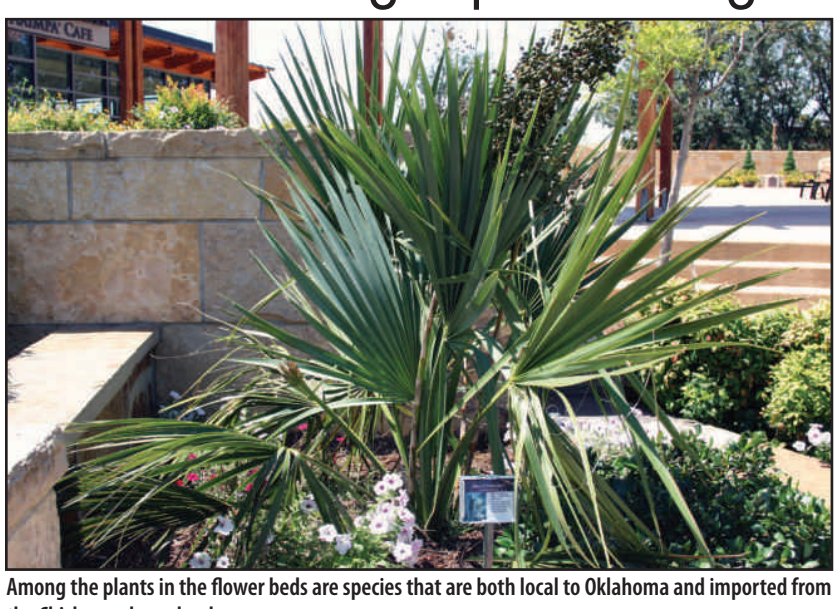
Spooky Tales



Chickasaw storyteller Lorie Robins spins a "Spooky Tale" during the Oct. 10 presentation of "Spooky Tales" at the Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities Black Box Theater in Ada. Ms. Robins, along with fellow storytellers Stephanie Scott and Dixie Brewer, delighted an audience of more than 80 guests with many Halloween-inspired yarns.

Botanical time machine awaits Cultural Center visitors

Unique flora native to both Oklahoma and Southeastern homelands provide glimpse into significance of plants to Chickasaw culture



Among the plants in the flower beds are species that are both local to Oklahoma and imported from the Chickasaw homelands.

SULPHUR, Okla. - Oklahoma is known for its botanical treasures. Its rich soil and wide-ranging climate make the state home to some of the most beautiful and abundant plant life in the nation. A walk around the grounds of the Chickasaw Cultural Center provides visitors a good look at the lush beauty found in the state.

"We are in the process of making the campus as native to Oklahoma and Mississippi as we can without losing the aesthetic value of the non-native evergreens," Ecological Resource Coordinator Rhonda Sellers said. "It has been a challenge, but we are going to keep trying until we accomplish our goal."

The Cultural Center, in Sulphur, is a perfect place to discover the local flora of both Oklahoma and the Chickasaw homelands. Scattered throughout the grounds are informational placards identifying plants used by the Chickasaws. Information printed on these garden markers includes the plant name, its natural habitat and how Chickasaws have used them in their daily lives.

"I started placing the plaques approximately two years ago," Ms. Sellers said. "We currently have around 65 placed on the grounds. I would say 85 to 90 percent of these plants are native to Oklahoma and Mississippi."

With so many species of trees and plants currently grown on the Cultural Center grounds, these garden markers are a fast and easy way to learn.

"We add new plants every year," Ms. Sellers said. "It is common practice to use placards at museums, cultural centers and botanical gardens for descriptions."

The grounds at the Chickasaw Cultural Center are in full bloom during spring and summer months. The Red Bud plant is native to both the Chickasaw Homeland and Oklahoma and is used for medicine and food.

Plants considered for cultural value

Some of the notable foliage at the Cultural Center includes some used by Chickasaws for tools, food, medicines and religious purposes.

"River Cane is becoming harder and harder to find in Oklahoma," Ms. Sellers said "We hope to establish our own cane break here for our demonstrators to use to build their flutes and dart guns, and for Chickasaw citizens to enjoy."

Other plants include the Red Bud plant, the Dwarf Yaupon Holly and the "Three Sisters."

The Red Bud plant, native to both the Chickasaw Homelands in Mississippi and to Oklahoma, is used to treat whooping cough. The flowers are eaten raw or boiled for a tea. The roasted seeds are consumed as food.

"I am in the process of learning how to grow some of the traditionally important medicinal plants," Ms.Sellers said. "These include Cephalanthus occidentalis, Button Bush, and Verbesina virginica, Indian Tobacco. I hope to incorporate them into our Spiral Gardens, east of the Traditional Village."

Some plants are considered sacred to some tribes and are used in special ceremonies. The Dwarf Yaupon Holly is found in Oklahoma and in the homelands.

The straight, young stems of the Southern Arrowwood are an excellent source to make arrow shafts.

Chickasaws used Yaupon Holly to make a drink used to cleanse the spirit for ceremonies.

"We also have the Yaupon Holly growing at the cultural center," Ms. Sellers said. "The sacred black drink that was used in ceremonies is derived from the Yaupon Holly."

Arguably the most influential plant grown and cultivated at the Cultural Center is corn, along with squash and beans. Grown within the same fields in communal areas, these plants were a staple in the Chickasaw diet. Collectively known as the "Three Sisters," the plants are represented in two Cultural Center gardens.

"We plant two Three Sisters gardens," Ms. Sellers said. "One is in the village and one is in the Spiral Garden. We also plant corn on the green roof (atop the Chikasha Poya Exhibit) in three different plantings so that there is always corn showing."

For more information, contact Chickasaw Cultural Center at (580) 622-7130.

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Dwarf Yaupon Holly was used to cleanse the spirit for religious ceremonies. It naturally grows in both Oklahoma and the Southeastern homelands.

Behind the scenes at the Cultural Center

As the largest tribal cultural center in the U.S., the Chickasaw Cultural Center is nestled on 109 acres of beautiful Chickasaw territory in Sulphur, Okla. For nature lovers, the sprawling campus features outdoor gathering places, lush trails, woods and a water pavilion.

The upkeep of the campus is an ongoing process that takes a team of dedicated landscapers.

"The maintenance of the campus is very extensive," Ms. Sellers said. "The average day is different for each person who works at the Cultural Center because there are so many things that have to be done on a daily basis."

By far, summer is the busiest time of the year for the staff.

"Some water flower pots and beds, mulch and plant beds," Ms. Sellers said. "Others mow, edge, weed eat and blow off sidewalks. Still there are others that work on planting the gardens."

In addition to upkeep of the grounds, the staff also tends to the Spiral Gardens, the Traditional Village garden and Honor Garden located on the campus grounds.

The produce grown within the Spiral Gardens is used at the local café. The Traditional Village garden allows living history cultural demonstrators to showcase traditional farming techniques and tools, and the Honor Garden boasts all native plants.

"We have some employees who build traditional hand tools," Ms. Sellers said. "We also maintain the Honor Garden, which is a total native garden."

Sculpture conveys power, 'renaissance man' qualities of Piomingo

TISHOMINGO, Okla. – America's first president George Washington rubbed elbows with him. Washington inked the 1786 Treaty of Hopewell, which formalized the Chickasaw Nation's alliance with the fledgling federal government, with him. He watched him forge diplomatic relations to protect Chickasaw sovereignty during uncertain times.

His name was Piomingo. His life was short by today's standards. He was only 49 when he died.

His life is celebrated annually by the Chickasaw Nation. He is honored for his greatness and visionary actions to protect Chickasaw people and the Chickasaw Nation. When American colonists plunged headlong into the Revolutionary War, Piomingo allied with them. When the smoke cleared with victory for the colonists, he was there to build partnerships with the new nation to protect Chickasaws.

A sculpture honoring Piomingo – created by internationally-renowned Oklahoma artist, political leader and former Seminole Nation Principal Chief Enoch Kelly Haney – now guards the historic Chickasaw Nation Capitol here. Flintlock musket cocked and ready, a steely eye peeled for danger, a tomahawk tucked securely in his waistband and other necessities packed in his "possibles" bag, the greatness of Piomingo and his importance to the Chickasaw Nation is fully on display.

Mr. Haney is responsible for the Chickasaw Warrior sculptures proudly displayed at the tribe's headquarters and the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, both in Ada, and the Chickasaw Culture Center in Sulphur. Mr. Haney is also the artist who sculpted the Indian brave that adorns the Oklahoma Capitol dome. Titled "The Guardian," it was dedicated and placed atop the new dome in June 2002.

Piomingo was born in Mississippi in 1750 and played a huge role in protecting the Chickasaw Nation and the lower Mississippi River valley from invaders, warlords, foreign intruders and enemies of the tribe.

Officially a "War Chief" with the tribe, Piomingo effortlessly split his endeavors between two worlds – Native and non-Native. It is believed he lived in western Tennessee and among Chickasaws in northern Mississippi throughout his lifetime.

On January 10, 1786, Chief Piomingo signed the Treaty of Hopewell at Washington's home in Philadelphia. The treaty marked the beginning of official relations between the Chickasaw Nation and the infant United States.

On July 11, 1794, Piomingo received a commission as an officer of the militia by President Washington. He was also presented with a document setting forth the boundaries of the Chickasaw territories in the ancestral homelands.

Piomingo received something else from Washington that would reverberate throughout Chickasaw culture. It was a full-length military jacket. A statue of Piomingo in Mississippi represents him wearing a military jacket. Its double-breasted splendor became a fashion adopted by many Chickasaw men of the era. Chickasaws included them in their everyday clothing and made them uniquely Chickasaw through certain cultural accessories, such as gorgets.

One of the most important men in Chickasaw history now guards the historic Chickasaw Nation Capitol Building in Tishomingo. The sculpture of Chickasaw war chief, diplomat and leader Piomingo was placed in front of the capitol last month in time for thousands to enjoy it during Annual Meeting and Festival. The sculpture is by internationally-renowned Indian artist Enoch Kelly Haney.

Mr. Haney's sculpture of Piomingo shows him dressed in traditional buckskin attire, sporting a peace medal presented to him by Washington, and the traditional gorget, traded by the French and English explorers who made contact with the tribe.

The aging chief (49 was considered elderly in the 18th century) made his last public appearance in July 1797. He and William Colbert were successful in winning approval for the site of a new fort at the present day Auction Square in Collierville, Tenn.

Piomingo provided strong leadership. He acted as a diplomat to protect Chickasaw sovereignty. He met with other Southeastern tribes, governors of states and President Washington to reach agreements benefitting Chickasaws. Washington believed the treaties and promises made to the various tribes would be kept by the federal government. Unfortunately, that did not prove true.

Little is known of Piomingo's death, although it certainly occurred in the winter of 1798 or early 1799. The end probably came in a Chickasaw village near present-day Tupelo, Miss. Since the tribe was not at war during this time, it has been assumed Piomingo's death probably was caused by a common infection.

It is known Piomingo had a son and a daughter and was married at the time of his passing.

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Inspiration comes from across Indian Country as wide variety of media and talent converge at Tishomingo

Artists display works at Southeastern Art Show & Market

James Wallace shows one of his favorite photos from a New Mexico intertribal gathering in 2012.

Chickasaw artist Randy Shackleford, left, visits with a potential customer at his display table at the Southeastern Art Show and Market in Tishomingo.

TISHOMINGO, Okla. — Frequent waves of thunder and periods of heavy rain didn't stop throngs of art lovers from soaking in the displays at the 2013 Southeastern Art Show and Market. The annual event was October 5.

Paintings, carvings, bows, drums, flutes, photographs and much more were positioned on tables lining the walls of the tent that served as a temporary gallery and market.

It is not easy to acquire table space at the show and market. Artists are juried in, meaning art experts have deemed their work worthy of participation.

Chickasaws were well represented.

Jeremy Wallace, a cultural instructor at the Chickasaw Cultural Center, worked numerous hours at this year's 53rd Annual Meeting and 25th annual Chickasaw Festival.

His master craftsmanship insured his involvement. Plenty of friends manned his art table piled high with handmade bows, arrows, blow dart guns, drums and more.

Mr. Wallace was frequently busy playing stickball with school children who came to the Festival to learn about Chickasaw history, culture and tradition.

His is one of the most familiar faces at the Cultural Center and he exudes a love of all things Chickasaw.

"It is an honor to be here, an honor to have your art judged by others as being good enough for inclusion," he said.

An array of multi-colored award ribbons telegraphed to potential buyers the traditional Chickasaw crafts stacked before them were judged among the very best.

Across the aisle from Mr. Wallace's table were photographs, a more modern form of artistic expression.

James Wallace embraces his internal shutterbug that complements a well-traveled, highly-educated thespian, writer, actor and playwright.

James Wallace (no relation to Jeremy Wallace) specializes in capturing images of Native American dancers, regalia and traditions that cross intertribal spectrums.

On a 2012 trip to Gallup, N.M., James' lens captured dancers in full regalia at an intertribal cermonial dance celebration. From Aztec to Hopi to Chickasaw, his camera captured the sheer beauty, color and pageantry of the people and dance.

"Being a part of it all (show and market) is pretty amazing, really," he said. "There is an aspect of it that is completely gratifying, especially when someone expresses an appreciation for your art. It is the validation we creative types really need."

James, too, was pulling double duty at the show and market. As he tended his table of photographs, he also kept an eye out for potential buyers for his wife's splendidly-colored and intricately-fashioned finger-woven sashes, purses and shawls. James is Choctaw, his wife Chickasaw.

Tyra Shackleford, 27, and James were married in February. She is a special projects coordinator at the Chickasaw Cultural Resources Department and frequently participates in stomp dance demonstrations and other activities.

Artistic talent and cultural preservation run in the Shackleford family. Next to the Wallace-Shackleford tables, Chickasaw citizen Randy Shackleford, Ms. Shackleford's father, was busy showing flutes and canvas paintings. The attention-grabber for the 52-year-old Paoli (OK) High School math and computer science instructor were his paintings on turkey feathers. Mr. Shackleford and his wife, Karla harvested the feathers during turkey season.

Mr. Shackleford is the quintessential Chickasaw renaissance artist and craftsman. The Noble, Okla., resident knows taxidermy. He makes beaded hat bands, stickball mallets, Native flutes, paints on canvas and on feathers and performs other traditional craftsmanship that oftentimes isn't for sale, but for use. Those specialties include bows, arrows, deer hides and box turtle shell shakers.

Visitors taking in his display table were drawn to a painting of a soaring eagle with an American flag fluttering in the background. "Sold" signs popped up on Mr. Shackleford's work with regularity. Unlike his son-in-law, Mr. Shackleford expressed a reluctance to sell a few pieces, particularly one he painted on a feather featuring the face of a Chickasaw warrior.

"That's the first time I've ever attempted to paint a person," he said. "I'm usually inspired by the natural world — birds, buffalo, stomp dancing, animals."

On Saturday, the artist found himself putting the cherished painting – and the eagle and American flag one – in a weatherproof bag for a buyer who could not leave the show and market without them.

"I tell myself it is just a hobby," Mr. Shackleford said. "I'm not doing it for a living."

After 25 years in public classrooms, he will be able to take his art from "hobby" to "a living" should he choose to do so. But there are a couple of things that might prevent it — "hunting and fishing," he said smiling.

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Chickasaw artist Jeremy Wallace affixes rabbit fur-tipped darts to blow guns he has fashioned from scratch.

Chickasaw Nation launches Facebook, Twitter accounts

The Chickasaw Nation now has a presence on the world's two largest social networking sites, Facebook and Twitter.

These accounts will provide new outreach to better be in touch with citizens around the world with timely news information and reminders. The two accounts were launched in early October, during the 53rd Annual Meeting of the Chickasaw Nation.

Through the use of photos, videos and a variety of other media, the Facebook and Twitter accounts will also provide regular highlights of Chickasaw Nation culture and history as well as its many programs and services.

Join these official Chickasaw Nation social media accounts by visiting www.facebook.com/TheChickasawNation and www.twitter.com/ChickasawNation on your computer, tablet or mobile phone.

Each social media site can also be accessed from www.Chickasaw.net by selecting the blue Facebook or Twitter icons at the left of the page.

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The historic Chickasaw Nation Capitol Building in Tishomingo is framed by a giant Magnolia tree that grows on the grounds. The pink granite structure was constructed in 1898 and is now a museum celebrating Chickasaw history. Thousands visited the site in October for the 53rd Annual Meeting and 25th Annual Festival of the Chickasaw Nation.

Gov. Anoatubby supportive of action, 'sustainable management'

State water board acts to protect Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer

MIDWEST CITY, Okla. – In a move designed to preserve the pristine and fragile Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer for generations, the Oklahoma Water Resources Board (OWRB) has voted to limit how much water may be withdrawn from the state's only "sole source groundwater basin."

The OWRB made the decision during a October 23 meeting in Midwest City.

Maximum Annual Yield

The Maximum Annual Yield (MAY) order was developed to implement Oklahoma Senate Bill 288. That bill, passed in 2003, directed the OWRB to determine the maximum amount of water that could be withdrawn without reducing the natural flow of water from springs or streams emanating from the aquifer.

The measure was supported by the Chickasaw Nation, environmental preservation groups, National Park Service officials and officials from municipalities throughout Chickasaw Country.

Tribe supports action

"We applaud the efforts of all those who have been working to develop guidelines for sustainable management of the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer," Gov. Bill Anoatubby said. "We believe it is vital that we continue working together to implement sustainable management practices which will help protect the aquifer, streams and springs. Together, we can preserve the water resources which are essential to maintain our quality of life as it relates to tourism, recreation, economic development and the natural beauty of our state."

Based on a five-year, $5 million study, the MAY was established at 0.20 acre-feet per year per land acre. This benchmark mandates a 90 percent reduction from the general statutory per-acre diversion amount.

It is estimated 150,000 Oklahomans use water from the aquifer daily. The aquifer contains some of the purest water in the world and its springs feed creeks and streams throughout southeastern Oklahoma.

Speakers, both pro and con, addressed the challenges they faced to meet the new guideline.

Chickasaw Nation attorney Stephen Greetham spoke in favor of the MAY determination. He noted that hundreds, if not thousands, of community members had been involved in developing the MAY.

"The Chickasaw Nation has long been very supportive of this effort," Mr. Greetham said.

Chickasaw, Choctaw unity

The process for developing the MAY, he said, was consistent with the Chickasaw Nation's principled commitment to resource management in accord with sustainable management and sound science.

He put the issue into historical perspective by reminding those in attendance the Chickasaw and Choctaw nations have long worked with the federal government and interests throughout the region to protectively manage the resource out of concern for how unique and vitally important the resource is in the region.

The tribes first urged federal action prior to statehood – more than 100 years ago – to protect the springs, streams and other natural resources dependent on the aquifer. The government accepted the land that is now the Chickasaw National Recreation Area, formerly Platt National Park, with the understanding it would be preserved for future generations. It is the only national park area created at the request of a Native American tribe and the seventh-oldest national park operated and managed by the federal government.

Mr. Greetham was one of six individuals who spoke in favor of limitations on tapping into the aquifer.

Opponents attack science

Lawyers representing opponents spoke on behalf of clients that included Oklahoma Farm Bureau, Oklahoma Aggregates Association, Oklahoma Independent Petroleum Association, and a handful of cattlemen. These organizations and individuals have long opposed Senate Bill 288. Counsel jointly representing those opponents attacked the science on which the MAY determination relied. They also questioned the ethics of the administrative law judge who presided over the extensive public hearing process surrounding the agency's action, suggesting the judge was biased in favor of advocates for the more protective measures.

OWRB staffers responded that each of the concerns opponents raised were addressed in the proposed order submitted for the Board's consideration. Many of those concerns, they said, had already been addressed to the Oklahoma Supreme Court, which found them to be without merit or otherwise easily remedied.

Former Tishomingo mayor Lewis Parkhill said he first became involved in the issue in 2002 when the City of El Reno, Oklahoma was proposing an 80-mile pipeline to take water from the aquifer.

Mr. Parkhill remembered his statement during an appearance before the El Reno City Council at the time.

"You say there is plenty of water. We are afraid that there is not. If you are right, everything will be okay. If you are wrong, you will have a very costly investment that will be sucking air and mud, but we will be out of business as a city."

He noted that the hard-fought battle to pass Senate Bill 288 arose out of those concerns.

"What we do have now is more than a 'yes there is water, no there is not enough.' We now have a five million dollar study that demonstrates the Arbuckle-Simpson aquifer is far more fragile than we thought it was."

He said a sustainable yield for the aquifer would benefit those who are opposed to the maximum annual yield as well as those who support it.

"A sustainable annual yield will be the most economical solution for all in the long run, and the long run is what cities have to be based on," Mr. Parkhill said.

Cities get behind vote

Southeastern Oklahoma municipalities, while recognizing the challenges of providing water to citizens under the new restriction, spoke in favor of it.

Ada attorney Craig Shew said the city was one of the largest users of the aquifer, tapping wells, acquiring water rights and utilizing Byrds Mill Spring near Fittstown to provide water to approximately 40,000 people and neighboring rural water districts.

"The very existence and economic viability of the city depends on the Arbuckle-Simpson," Mr. Shew said.

If the aquifer became depleted, he said, alternatives to provide water would be virtually nonexistent or would be cost prohibitive. Mr. Shew also said the board's restriction would guarantee the "viability and sustainability of the aquifer" and the City of Ada fully supports it.

After the Board heard comments from all interested parties, it expressed its confidence in its staff and the years of study that had already gone into the proposed MAY determination. It voted 7-0 in favor of adopting the proposed order as submitted, marking a significant victory in long-running efforts to protect this unique resource.

Two OWRB members abstained.

Immediate court filing

On Oct. 24, parties opposing the MAY filed a motion for judicial review in Oklahoma County District Court, citing arguments they presented in the hearing.

One proponent of the MAY, Citizens for the Protection of the Arbuckle-Simpson Aquifer (CPASA), filed a petition in Pontotoc District Court on Oct. 23 also seeking judicial review. The petition requests that the court review and modify the OWRB's Final Determination to ensure all relevant documents and scientific studies submitted were included in the administrative record.

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Piomingo honored in Tupelo

The Chickasaw Nation pays honors pre-removal Chickasaw Chief Piomingo every second Monday of October. Piomingo provided strong leadership and acted as a diplomat to protect Chickasaw sovereignty. This year the residents of Tupelo, Miss., also celebrated Piomingo Day. From left are Raymond Doherty, Colbert-Walker Site, Tupelo; Sylvia Thornton, Daughters of the American Revolution, Tupelo; Tupelo City Councilman Buddy Palmer; Tupelo Mayor Jason Shelton; Brady Davis, Chickasaw Preserve; Diana Ezell, Assistant Superintendent, Tupelo Public Schools; and Brad Prewitt, Tupelo.

It's time for your flu shot!

It's that time of year again. The cool weather is a reminder of the importance of getting the yearly flu vaccination.

For Native Americans, the flu vaccine is a top priority. Native Americans are considered high-risk groups for influenza-related complications.

In the Chickasaw Nation, any Indian citizen with a Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) can receive a flu shot at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, or at any of the satellite clinics in the Chickasaw Nation.

Indian patients can walk in for the flu shot between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. If the patient does not have a chart established with Chickasaw Nation Health, he should walk in before 3 p.m.

In 2009, The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention conducted studies that determined the mortality rate for the H1N1 influenza was four times higher in Native American elders who contracted pneumonia and other influenza-related illnesses than any other ethnic group.

American Indians are more likely to suffer from the chronic health conditions diabetes and asthma, two main contributors to flu-related death.

The flu vaccine is recommended for anyone age six months or older. Elders, minorities, pregnant women and people suffering from chronic diseases are at higher risk for complications.

For information on flu shot clinics in your area, contact your local health clinic, hospital or Department of Human Services.

For more information on the seasonal flu virus, visit www.CDC.gov/flu<http://www.CDC.gov/flu>.

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$123 million invested in FY2013 programs, services

FINANCIAL REPORT

The tribal government caption includes the tribe's general fund and BIA trust funds. The Chickasaw Businesses include all of the businesses and operations of the Division of Commerce. Not included in the financial statements are federally or state funded programs and/or grants and the financial statements of Bank 2 and Chickasaw Nation Industries, Inc.

The growing needs of the businesses are taken into account when determining the transfers from the businesses to the general fund. It is vital to the long range mission of the Chickasaw Nation that the businesses continue to grow and diversify.

Revenues of tribal government, other than the transfer from businesses, include motor fuel settlement funds and investment income. Chickasaw Business revenues include gaming revenues net of prizes and other sales revenues from convenience stores, travel plazas, tobacco stores, other tribal businesses as well as rental and investment income.

Tribal expenditures are classified by function. General government includes the maintenance and operations of tribal property, the *Chickasaw Times* and Governor's and Lt. Governor's offices. Expenditures for education include education scholarships as well as the tribe's division of education. Health expenditures include eye glasses, hearing aids, prescription drugs, wellness center, community health clinics, catastrophic medical assistance and other similar programs not covered by federal programs or grants.

The businesses' expenditures are classified as to expenses associated with gaming operation of the tribe and the other businesses of the tribe.

Executive Summary of the Financial Statements of the period ending September 30, 2013

Tribal Government

Revenues and transfers from the businesses for operations and fixed assets totaled $13.7 million for the month and $161.9 million year-to-date. Expenditures were $13.2 million for the month and $123.4 million year-to-date.

Chickasaw Businesses

Revenue net of gaming prizes through September totaled $1026.6 million. Net income before the transfers to the Tribal Government was $295.4 million year-to-date. After transfers to the Tribal Government for capital projects and tribal program operations the net income was $146.9 million year-to-date. The net income includes all revenue, including amounts reserved for business growth and expansion.

Statement of Net Assets

At September 30, 2013, the tribal government funds had $222 million in cash and investments. Of this amount, $19.7 million is in the BIA Trust funds. This total does not include any federal program funds.

The businesses had $149.2 million in cash and investments which is reserved for accounts payable and business operations.

As of September 30, 2013, tribal operations, excluding federal program funding, had net assets of $1.65 billion.

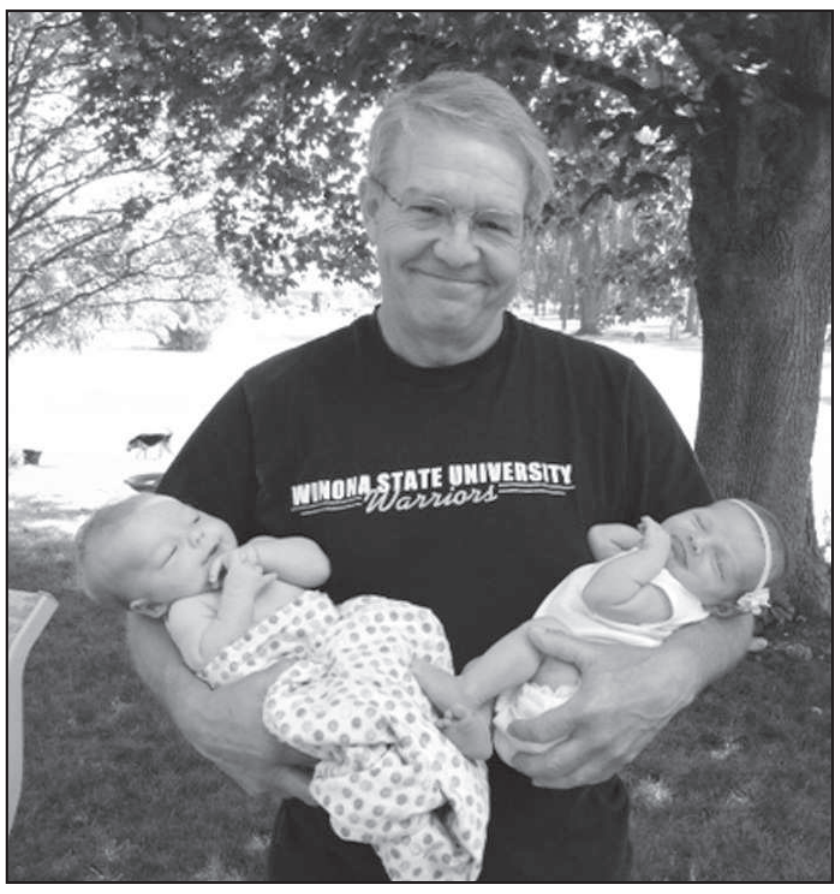
Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Revenues and Expenditures
For the Twelve Months Ended September 30, 2013

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Revenues	$	14,417,416	1,175,195,735	1,189,613,151
Transfers from businesses to tribal government		148,497,772	(148,497,772)	-
Total funds available		162,915,188	1,026,697,963	1,189,613,151
Expenditures				
General government		13,780,342		13,780,342
Legislature		2,645,885		2,645,885
Judiciary		1,236,934		1,236,934
Education		24,675,207		24,675,207
Heritage Preservation		16,353,894		16,353,894
Health		21,912,216		21,912,216
Youth and Family Services		15,053,084		15,053,084
Nutrition Programs		6,188,833		6,188,833
Regulatory		8,615,420		8,615,420
Assistance Programs		12,946,785		12,946,785
Gaming expense			642,006,986	642,006,986
Other businesses' expense			237,729,633	237,729,633
Total expenditures		123,408,600	879,736,619	1,003,145,219
Increase in net assets		39,506,588	146,961,344	186,467,932
Beginning net assets		658,377,723	810,471,469	1,468,849,192
Ending net assets	$	697,884,311	957,432,814	1,655,317,125

Chickasaw Nation
Tribal Operations
Statement of Net Assets
September 30, 2013

		Tribal Government	Chickasaw Businesses	Total
Cash and Investments	$	222,018,871	149,288,877	371,307,748
Receivables		29,034,573	149,795,304	178,829,877
Inventory		42,229	7,822,437	7,864,666
Prepaid expenses			16,328,580	16,328,580
Other Assets			1,202,500	1,202,500
Fixed assets		449,198,650	778,043,656	1,227,242,306
Less payables		(2,410,012)	(145,048,540)	(147,458,552)
Net Assets	$	697,884,311	957,432,814	1,655,317,125

BIRTHS



Mark Wells holding his new grandchildren, Hudson Dee Wills and Evianna Koch. Hudson was born July 4, 2013. He weighed 8 lbs., 13 oz., and measured 21 inches at birth. He is the son of Jenna (Wells) Willis, of Brookfield, Wis. Evianna Koch was born July 27, 2013. She weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz., and measured 20 inches at birh. She is the daughter of Drista (Wells) Koch, of Rochester, Minn. They are the great-grandchildren of Homer "Dee" Wells and the great-great-grandchildren of original Chickasaw enrollee Norman Dee Wells.

Brody Matthew Trujillo

Brody Matthew Trujillo was born at 7:52 a.m., August 12, 2013 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Tuscon, Ariz. He weighed 9 lbs., 10.6 oz., and measured 20.75 inches at birth.

He is the son of Barbara and Mondragon and Bryan Trujillo.

He is the grandson of Jennifer Mondragon

BIRTHDAYS

Emma Louise Jacome

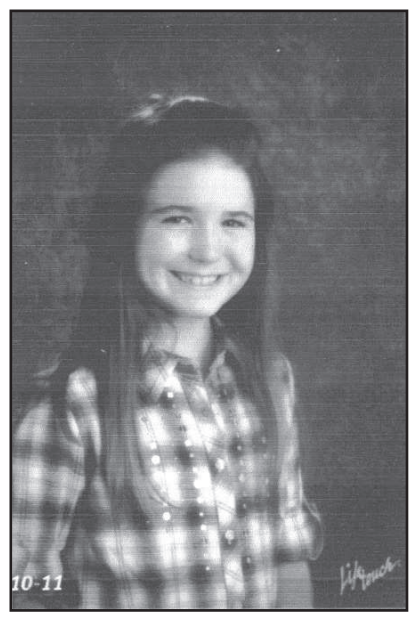
Emma Louise Jacome turned three years old Oct. 19, 2013. She celebrated with her family and friends at the family's home in Nixa, Mo.

She is the daughter of Joaquin an Jessica Jacome. She is the big sister to Julian Jacome, all of Nixa.

Emma is the granddaughter of Steve and Debbie Saunders, of Ardmore, Okla., and Victor and Carmela Jacome, of Rogersville, Mo.

Happy Third Birthday Baby Girl!

We love you very much!



Abigail Grace Biscan

Abigail Grace Biscan will celebrate her 13th birthday Nov. 13, 2013. This date sequence could only occur every 100 years so this makes her birthday extra special.

She is the daughter of Gretchen and David Biscan and has two older sisters, Anna and Emily and one older brother, Andrew, all of St. Louis.

Abby is in the seventh grade and is a very good student, takes part in community service, plays on a select volleyball team and plays softball, indoor and outdoor soccer and basketball.

She is the granddaughter of Marge and the late Charlie Biscan, of St. Louis, and Charles and Lee Anne Koehler, of Joplin, Mo.

We all want to wish Abby a very special 13th birthday.

Shackleford, John married in Purcell

Mr. and Mrs. Adrian John

Amanda Shackleford and Adrian John were united in marriage August 27, 2013 at the McClain County OSU Extension Office in Purcell, Okla.

The bride's father, Keith Shackleford, and the groom's minister, Alan Beck, officiated.

The bride is the daughter of Keith and Mary Shackleford, of Slaughterville, Okla. She is a senior at East Central University, Ada, Okla., and is studying Early Childhood Education. She plans to graduate in the spring of 2014.

The groom is the son of Luther and Judy John, of Milburn, Okla.

He is a 2010 graduate of the College of the Muscogee Nation and a 2013 graduate of East Central University earning a bachelor's degree in Native American Studies with a political science minor.

The couple resides in Ada, Okla.

Marriage vows exchanged at Many Springs

Herschel Allen, Chickasaw, and Georgia Buck, Creek, were united in marriage Sept. 14, 2013 at Many Springs Baptist Church. The couple live in Holdenville, Okla.

Chickasaw graduates from U New England

Jennifer Kellner

Jennifer Kellner, 23, is a 2013 graduate from the University of New England, a private university in Maine. She is the daughter of Shanon Shaw. She is the granddaughter of David and Marilyn Kellner, the great-granddaughter of Tonopah Colbert and the great-great-granddaughter of Benjamin H. Colbert. She is the older sister to Michelle Arbuckle and Alia Shaw.

Ms. Kellner graduated May 18 with bachelor's degrees in psychobiology and marine biology with a minor in history. She was awarded an honorary stole from the UNE Multicultural Department and wore the Chickasaw Nation honor stole. She was named to the Dean's List.

While earning her degrees, Ms. Kellner studied abroad for one year in Australia at James Cook University. She participated in research programs on marine habitats around the Great Barrier Reef and took an Indigenous cultural class learning about the native people of Australia, the Aborigines.

She also held the position of a resident advisor for three years at UNE. This past year she was resident advisor for over 40 incoming freshman students. She participated in both school plays her senior year playing multiple parts in the fall play and received a role in the spring musical "Once On This Island." She played the part of Papa Ge.

Ms. Kellner also completed internships with Carlisle Academy for Integrative Equine Therapy and Sport and Finish Forward Dogs, Inc. She was requested to return to both of these faculties to continue training this coming fall. This summer she was asked to return to her high school, Xavier College Preparatory, a private all-girls school in Phoenix, to teach summer school biology and chemistry.

She plans to return to college to earn a master's degree in occupational theory to continue her educational journey.

She wants to express her gratitude to her family and the Chickasaw Nation Educational Scholarship Programs. This support system was one of the contributing factors that lead her to accomplish this achievement.

Happy 90th to Mildred Wilson

Front row from left, Kathryn Rose, Mildred Wilson and Sandra Hogue. Back row from left, Melea Wilson and Angela White.

Mildred Wilson, of Chickasha, Okla., recently celebrated her 90th birthday at the home of her granddaughter, Melea Wilson, Edmond, Okla.

Family members attending the birthday celebration were her sisters, Sandra Hogue and Kathrn Royse; her niece, Angela White; her granddaughter, Melea Wilson; and her daughter-in-law, Ginger Wilson.

After a delicious lunch and birthday cake, Mrs. Wilson opened birthday presents. Family members then enjoyed an afternoon of visiting and reminiscing.

Jordyn Truss graduates The Colony High School

Jordyn Truss

Jordyn Ariana Truss is a 2013 graduate of The Colony High School in The Colony, Texas.

She is the daughter of Debra Carson, of The Colony, and James Truss, of Talladega, Ala.

She is the granddaughter of the late Phyllis Trobaugh and Doris Merritt, of Talladega. She is the great-granddaughter of the late Juanita Calhoun and the great-great-granddaughter of the late Charles Calhoun, an original Chickasaw enrollee.

Jordyn has been active in the sports medicine training program for four years, ninth through 12th grade. She was a cheerleader for a brief time from age four to 12 years for The Colony Little League Football. At age 12 she was crowned Honor Star after completing the Missionettes program for girls at Calvary Christian Center where she has been a member for 15 years.

She is in her second year of teaching The Rainbow Class for girls ages four and five in the Impact Program at the church.

Her plans are to attend Murray State College in Tishomingo, Okla., to major in pre-medicine. She wants to become a medical examiner.

Go Future

We love you,

Mom, TeAta (sister) and Jeremy (brother)

Tobachi correction

Chickasaw composer Mikoiyan "Miko" Begaye was inadvertently omitted from an article last month announcing the release of "Tobachi" - the second classical music CD featuring the compositions of young Chickasaw composers

Mr. Begaye's composition "Circus Revolution" is included on the 22-track CD, which was released during the 2013 Chickasaw Festival and is now available.

For more information about "Tobachi" please contact Chickasaw Nation Arts and Humanities at (580) 272-5520.

Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes

Gov. Anoatubby stresses business diversity, empowering Indian citizens

TULSA – Gov. Bill Anoatubby told Chickasaw citizens recently the state of the Chickasaw Nation was great and getting better every day. He echoed his comments to attendees of The Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes in Tulsa on Oct. 11.

"The state of the Chickasaw Nation has never been in better shape. In fact, it is excellent and it's getting better," Gov. Anoatubby said. "People are pleased with the progress."

The "success of the businesses we operate … translates into programs and services (to Chickasaw citizens) where more than 200 programs are operated from tribal resources," he said.

Diversity of businesses, he said, was critical for the future. While gaming accounts for a large part of all of the Five Civilized Tribes' revenue, Gov. Anoatubby said Chickasaws had entered into the oil and gas business and venture capital, "along with other things that are on the horizon for the Chickasaw Nation."

The longtime Chickasaw leader said tourism was playing a big role in the financial success of the Chickasaw Nation. Since hosting the July Inter-Tribal Council at the resurrected Artesian Hotel in Sulphur, Okla., Gov. Anoatubby said a welcome center immediately to the south of the hotel will be opening this winter; a spa for children has opened and the ARTesian art gallery, where artists will show works, will be off and running soon.

"We are always looking for ways to support the Chickasaw individual," he said. "An artist is, in fact, an entrepreneur because they are in hopes they can sell their artwork. So, we're working to support our artists and we look forward to having Sulphur become an ideal family destination."

A shift, he said, was in the future for Chickasaw tourism.

"The next stage of our tourism efforts will move from Murray County into Johnston County," Gov. Anoatubby said. "Of course, it is the home of our historic capitol and we have a number of other historic sites there, so we're working to promote all those."

Gov. Anoatubby was also very specific about how the tribe's financial acumen was improving the life of all Native Americans and school children in Oklahoma.

Since assuming ownership of Remington Park, an Oklahoma City horse racing facility, a few years ago, approximately $100 million has been funneled into the state of Oklahoma's coffers to fund education.

"We are quite pleased about that," he said.

Additionally, the tribe, he said, had issued $90 million in bonds and spent $60 million in tribal funds to construct the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center, located in Ada.

"Nobody likes debt," he said, "but we knew with our investments we could pay the bonds off early. We have. Today, only $16,690,000 in bonds remain and we have a $150 million facility that all Native Americans can utilize, including the Five Tribes here today.

"We went through an era where they tried to acculturate us," he said. "As tribes, we are now in a cultural renaissance, and it's so good to see our people participating in an education process of embracing their language and their culture."

Gov. Anoatubby noted the Chickasaw Cultural Center in Sulphur recently welcomed its 200,000th visitor after a mere three years of operation.

"The Chickasaw Nation is truly blessed," he concluded.

In other business, the Inter-Tribal Council unanimously approved seven resolutions. They included:

· A call to the U.S. Congress to fully encompass a new farm bill. The farm bill was allowed to expire earlier this year and the government shutdown is negatively impacting the food, agriculture, nutritional programs, social and economic well-being of Indian communities.

· Encouraged Congress to act in support of the Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. Without a farm bill and without an operating federal government, major portions of the program, Women, Infant and Children (WIC) program and related feeding programs are affecting the most vulnerable Native American citizens. The five tribes also support tribal administrations "carry over" unused funds in the program to be used as a contingency plan.

· Directed the Standing Committee of Realty Trust Services to draft amendments to redress laws, currently exercised in district courts across Oklahoma, involving the Indian Land Consolidation Act and American Indian Probate Reform Act. The Inter-Tribal council argues the state is violating the Federal Trust Responsibility of the United States and argues no other Indian tribes suffer as much as the Five Civilized Tribes when prevented from managing its own affairs related to land matters. Action by the committee to address the issue is expected at January's Inter-Tribal Council.

Chickasaw Nation Gov. Bill Anoatubby begins his opening remarks at the Inter-Tribal Council of the Five Civilized Tribes in Tulsa on Oct. 11. The longtime Chickasaw leader proclaimed the state of the Chickasaw Nation great and outlined future plans and endeavors being considered by the Nation.

· Requested $100 million of Keepseagle funds be set aside and awarded to a private foundation created and managed by the Five Tribes. The tribes believe remaining funds from the program can be effectively used to engage in ongoing agriculture projects by the five nations. The Keepseagle case was settled for $760 million in 2011 between the Obama administration and Native American farmers who were victims of discrimination by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

· Called upon the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to perform meaningful tribal consultation with each tribe before implementing new produce safety and preventive control rules. The tribes argue the FDA implemented its new Food Safety Modernization Act without "meaningful, appropriate and adequate consultation with tribes."

· Requested the reinstatement of the Tribal Work Experience Program that provided work experience and job skills to Native Americans but was discontinued without tribal consultation or explanation to tribes administering the program.

· Passed a resolution to establish a sub-committee of Geographic Information Systems. The Inter-Tribal Council is "recognizing the important role of geographic information systems to capture, store, manipulate, analyze, manage and present" all types of geographical data to a standing committee so that it may "collaborate, share ideas, techniques and maintain standards to provide qualified information to the Five Tribes.

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Chickasaw engineer champions technology careers to girls

Teri Centner

The need for more students to study science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) has never been greater. Scientific literacy is the new demand in today's world.

One Chickasaw woman wants to make sure more students – especially girls - take STEM courses.

"With the amount of technology in the world now, it's hard not to get excited," Teri Centner, a Chickasaw who lives and works in Washington, D.C., said. "I hope to create awareness about STEM with kids, especially girls, and encourage them to get interested."

A report from the U.S. Department of Commerce shows that women make up nearly one-half of the U.S. workforce. However, in 2009 there were only 2.5 million college-educated working women with STEM degrees, compared to 6.7 million men.

This comparatively small number of women in STEM fields is troubling to some industry leaders. Women should become more tuned in to STEM opportunities, they believe. The financial rewards and job security that come with STEM careers are two factors that are hard to ignore.

In 2009, women with STEM jobs earned 33 percent more than women in non-STEM careers. These STEM women also saw less of a wage gap when compared to their male counterparts, according to Commerce.

A former U.S. Air Force officer, Ms. Centner has taken her knowledge of technology and the sciences to Washington. She works in information technology service management and infrastructure for Booz Allen Hamilton. Before that, she worked throughout Europe in the military overseeing technology projects for the U.S. European Command.

Along with her professional duties, she also focuses on recruiting and mentoring students interested in STEM careers. To do that, she has reconnected with the American Indian Society for Engineering and Science (AISES) – a national non-profit committed to encouraging Native American students and professionals in STEM fields. She was first a member while a Massachusetts Institute of Technology student, and now serves as the chair of the newly-formed Washington, D.C. chapter.

"Personally, I hope to get kids in STEM education, or at least a piece of it, and help encourage Native American students," she said. "We are even looking into using Skype and other technology to mentor students long-distance – even from Oklahoma."

The mission of the D.C. chapter is to develop networks and coordinate social and professional activities. It also works to facilitate collaboration, and encourage outreach to corporations, government agencies, universities, tribal governments and individuals.

Currently, Ms. Centner and others associated with the chapter group are actively promoting the organization to students and corporations interested in sponsoring their efforts.

"It's hard to get people involved," she said. "I hope to keep the chapter going, energized and sustained."

Fortunately, Ms. Centner said, there was a popular push among the sciences with kids today. Programs like FIRST LEGO Leagues and other related competitions help ignite the technology fire in many students.

The Chickasaw Nation is a major supporter of the FIRST concept and annually fields robotics teams made up of young Chickasaw students.

"The LEGO Leagues were first created to sort of give a sports team for nerdy kids," she said. "But it has developed into the big robotics competitions. I encourage any Chickasaw students who are involved in FIRST LEGO League to stay at it because there are scholarships to be had."

Popular culture, she said, was now embracing the sciences more than ever. Top network television shows like *The Big Bang Theory* provide kids with role models of people who study and work in science fields.

Ms. Centner said her late mother, Brunetta Centner, first got her interested in science.

"She was a geek and because of her I am a geek," she said. "She liked to fix things. She liked math and computers. I think she would've become a scientist or a doctor, but she put her family and kids first."

In a way, Ms. Centner said she was carrying on her mother's commitment to children and science by working to encourage more Native American youth today.

Any Native American students in the D.C. area are encouraged to contact AISES for information on the organization, including internships. Students outside the D.C. area should visit www.aisesdc.org for more information on how to connect to the group long-distance.

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September 2013 Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Achievement

Outstanding Academic Achievement

Brogan Wells

Brogan Wells

Brogan Wells, 8, son of Cody and Laurie Wells, of Ada, Okla., is a September 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

Brogan is a second grader at Latta Elementary School and was nominated by his teacher, Mrs. Tommy Robinson

"Brogan has worked very hard this month and has shown great progress in all academic areas. His attitude about learning and his behavior has been so good," Mrs. Robinson said. "I am very proud of Brogan and his accomplishments. I expect to see even greater accomplishments through the school year."

Brogan loves his family and enjoys playing with friends, basketball, baseball and Xbox. He would like to become a police officer when he is older.

Lexi Sanchez

Lexi Sanchez

Lexi Sanchez, 17, of Roff, Okla., is the daughter of Crystal Teal and Mario Sanchez. Lexi is a September 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Academic Achievement Award.

She is a senior at Roff High School and was nominated by her teacher, Jana Stewart.

"Lexi is a cheerleader and is involved in student council, BETA and National Honor Society. She is a very conscientious student," Ms. Stewart said. "She always does her best."

In addition to cheerleading, student council, BETA and National Honor Society, Lexi has worked for the Chickasaw Summer Youth Program for three years.

After graduation, she plans to further her education at East Central University and eventually become a social worker.

Outstanding Overall Achievement

Abigail Rose

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Abigail Rose, 13, daughter of Mark and Cher Rose of Moore, Okla., is a September 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Overall Achievement Award.

Abigail is an eighth grader at Brink Jr. High and was nominated by her teacher, Brandi Couger.

"Abbi is a top leader and motivator with superb character. Abbi's outstanding character does not hesitate to help a fellow classmate pick up dropped books, find a class, or even help a teacher," Ms. Couger said.

"In the classroom, Abbi provides outstanding intellectual ideas that encourage her classmates to work at higher critical thinking levels. She also strives to set an example while achieving her goals by doing her best work on any task at hand."

Abigail enjoys reading, tumbling, swimming and spending time with friends. She is actively involved in student council, yearbook and National Junior Honor Society.

She attends Emmaus Baptist Church and participates in youth group. She plans to attend Oklahoma Baptist University and become a dental hygienist.

Outstanding Citizenship

Avery Rose

Avery Rose, 9, daughter of Mark and Cher Rose of Moore, Okla., is a September 2013 recipient of the Chickasaw Honor Club Outstanding Citizenship Award.

Avery Rose

Avery is a fourth grader at Red Oak Elementary and was nominated by her teacher, Dianne Caldwell.

"Avery is a very conscientious student. She always does more than what is expected of her," Ms. Caldwell said. "All students love to be friends with her because she is very accepting of others and loves to have fun. She is an asset to have in any program and is more than deserving of this award."

Avery enjoys reading, swimming, gymnastics and riding her bike. She is involved in Sequoyah club, science club and girl scouts.

She attends Emmaus Baptist Church and participates in the kids' choir and kids' program. When she gets older, Avery plans to be a teacher or chef.

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'Odyssey of the Mind' rewards unique problem solving

Chickasaw 'drama nerd' finds outlet in creative competition

Chickasaw Madison Green, a student at Oklahoma State University, performs a skit with her teammates at last summer's Odyssey of the Mind World competition. Miss Green's Odyssey of the Mind team is the first of its kind in university history. The team earned first place at the competition's World Finals last summer and is preparing for 2014 competition.

A self-described "drama nerd" is getting the opportunity to flex her creative muscle on the world stage, thanks to support from her tribe.

Madi Green, a Chickasaw student at Oklahoma State University, is a member of the University's Odyssey of the Mind team. The team, the first in university history, earned first place at the competition's World Finals last summer. It is the first time since 2005 an Oklahoma team has taken first place at Odyssey of the Mind World Finals.

Ms. Green said Odyssey of the Mind requires students to think "outside the box" and work as a team to achieve success.

"Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem solving competition where teams are presented with a situation and they have to come up with a solution to solve the problem," Ms. Green said.

During competition, teams are given a set of parameters and build, write or otherwise create something that meets those parameters. Teams may choose from five different categories; three are mechanical and two are acting and art based.

Her team favors the latter of the five, art and acting.

"Mostly because we don't enjoy engineering that much," she said.

The OSU team participated in a category that required members to compose and perform a play and include a replica of a real architectural structure built between the years 1000 and 1600. The performance also had to include three works of art that disappeared, and two characters that embarked on a quest to find them.

College commitments forced the OSU team to wait until two weeks prior to the competition to get started on their submission. Team members went about designing and building the set, creating props, sewing costumes, writing the play and creating characters. Each team member had a different task.

Among other items, teams are judged on the appearance of sets and costumes, and creative use of materials in the production.

Ms. Green enjoyed every minute spent creating the skit. It tells the story of a soldier and a scholar in ancient Persia who go on a quest to recover three works of art — a poem, a song and a statue.

"I am a graphic design major and it allowed me to incorporate (art and design) and I was really excited to do it," she said.

The team worked on its project up until it was time to compete. "It was hard and we got frustrated, but we spent three weeks together and became family," she said.

As a college freshman, it was Ms. Green's first experience at the World Finals, but not her first experience with the competition. She and the same core group of members placed second in regional and state competition as Stillwater High School seniors, just by "having fun with it."

"We knew we couldn't go to World's because it would interfere with (high school) graduation," she said. "So, we decided to take a risk and have fun. It was the one of the most fun things I have ever done."

OSU team members include Hunter Akin, Robin Clower, Logan Sirbaugh, Mason Strom, all of Stillwater, and Claire Choquette and Lauren Schlepp, both of Edmond, Okla. The group agreed that since the team had already experienced winning first place, the goal for the 2014 competition was not to have a repeat performance. The new goal is to win a "Ranatra Fusca" award, given to the team that has the most creative "out of the box" submission.

The team is already working on its submission for the 2014 Worlds Finals, set for late May at Iowa State University.

The college level of the worldwide competition is still very small, but it is growing and Ms. Green is excited to be at the beginning.

Meeting like-minded people from around the world at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals is another reason she enjoys participating.

"Everyone there is a theatre or art nerd and attends for a common cause," she said. "It's just a whole lot of fun."

Chickasaw Support

Being Chickasaw, Ms. Green said, helped her expand horizons.

"As a student, the Chickasaws offer so many opportunities and scholarships," she said. "It is helping pay for college and I wouldn't be able participate in Odyssey of the Mind without that support. It is definitely something to be proud of."

Ms. Green's ultimate "dream job" is to work for French Vogue and end her career as a professor. She is interested in exploring options for a career in graphic design, particularly in branding and imaging.

Ms. Green's parents are Curtis and Amy Green, of Stillwater. Her grandparents are Lavita and Richard Green.

For more information about Odyssey of the Mind, visit http://www.odysseyofthemind.com.

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Tyler Mozingo

Tyler Mozingo placed 16th at the Oak Hall track meet on Sept. 24. Tyler competed in the boys 2nd grade and under division. Tyler placed 14th at the Lone Grove track meet on Oct. 10 He is a student at Dickson (OK) Elementary and participates with the Dickson Little Runners. He is the son of Kristie Wallace-Mozingo and Nick Mozingo

Lauri Clark

Lauri Clark, Chickasaw citizen, was crowned the 2013 Football Homecoming Queen at Seminole (OK) High School on Sept. 20. Lauri is the daughter of Maurice and Krista Clark. Lauri lives in Ada is a senior at Seminole High School. She plans to attend Rogers State College and pursue a degree in nursing and hopes to work for the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

Chickasaw girl recognized for philanthropic work

Eight-year-old Paige Sykes with her dad Brent and step mom Amanda, on the evening she was honored with the first-ever Youth Philanthropy Award from the Jasmine Moran Children's Museum, Seminole, Okla. Miss Sykes was honored during an Oct. 8 benefit banquet at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City. Submitted photo.

SEMINOLE, Okla. - The idea was simple. Brent Sykes wanted to give his daughter a tangible way to remember her mother, Traci, who died in a 2007 car crash.

Mr. Sykes, a Chickasaw, decided to establish the Traci R. Sykes Foundation. Today, his daughter Paige, an energetic eight-year-old, is bringing joy, peace, happiness and educational opportunities to others through foundation gifts in her mother's name.

"When she was about five, she began talking about the meaning of the foundation," Mr. Sykes said. "We would discuss where she would like to donate and ultimately I would let her decide."

This year, Paige took a trip to Jasmine Moran Children's Museum in Seminole and was inspired to give back to the museum with an admission scholarship.

Her dad and step-mom, Amanda, were thrilled with her choice.

"The donation will help children who can't afford to pay for admission," Mr. Sykes said. "Traci worked with kids and loved kids and we were happy to tap into that."

Last month, Paige was recognized for her contributions. She received the first-ever Youth Philanthropy Award from the Jasmine Moran Children's Museum. Paige was honored during an October benefit banquet at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum in Oklahoma City.

"We stressed to her that the evening was not about being recognized, but about doing the right thing for people," Mr. Sykes said.

Paige's special recognition gala also honored other friends and supporters of the museum, including Oklahoma State University President Burns Hargis and his wife, Ann, who were the recipients of the museum's bi-annual "Jasmine Award."

Several organizations and individuals were also recognized for their support of the museum.

The Chickasaw Nation was well represented at the award ceremony, with Gov. Bill Anoatubby among the special guests. Former Oklahoma Gov. George Nigh served as master of ceremonies for the evening.

Paige had the opportunity to meet children's museum co-founders Mrs. Jasmine Moran and her husband, Melvin, at the gala. When the couple asked the elementary student about her favorite museum attraction, she answered "the grocery store."

The Sykes family plans to include their one-year-old triplets in foundation decisions in the coming years. The Sykes' encourage Paige to share her stories with her younger siblings.

The mission of the foundation is to create a way to help local communities. The family focus is on education.

Past foundation recipients include in-kind donations to the Norman (OK) Animal Shelter and a grant to the Norman Public School Foundation.

The Sykes family lives in Norman where Paige is student at Truman Elementary.

For more information about the Jasmine Moran Children's Museum visit www.jasminemoran.com.

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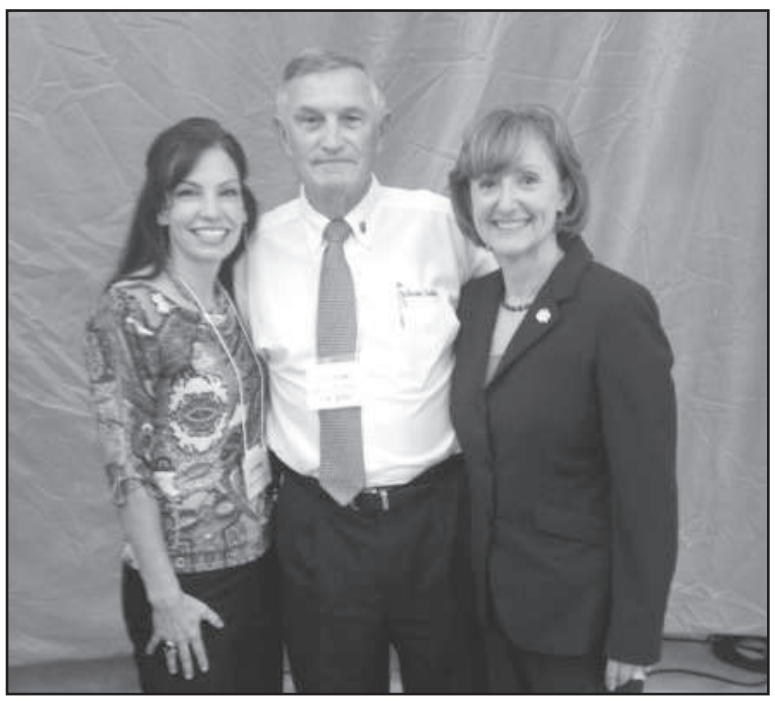
Innovation One event



Chickasaw Tribal Utility Authority director Frank Johnson, Sr., center above and at left below, was on hand for the September event celebrating Chickasaw Nation business InnovationOne's new partnership to produce specialized items for the energy industry. Above, from left, Oklahoma State Rep. Lisa Billy, Mr. Johnson and Oklahoma State Sen. Susan Paddack. Below, Mr. Johnson, left, with Oklahoma Lt. Gov. Todd Lamb.

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AARP honors four exceptional Chickasaw elders at gala

Barbara Smith, second from right, Chief Justice of the Chickasaw Supreme Court receives her medallion from, from left, AARP Oklahoma Associate State Director Mashell Sourjohn; AARP National Policy Council Member Michael Bird; and AARP Oklahoma State President Marjorie Lyons.

AARP Oklahoma State President Marjorie Lyons, second from left, with Chickasaw honorees at the 5th Annual AARP Oklahoma Indian Elder Honors gala. From left, Pauline Carpenter Brown, Marjorie Lyons, Towana Spivey and Rose Jefferson.

OKLAHOMA CITY - Four pre-eminent Chickasaw elders have recently been recognized for their expertise and dedication to history, culture, law, education and the Native language.

The four were honored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) during its annual AARP Oklahoma Indian Elders Honors gala.

Chickasaws honored at the gala included Chickasaw Supreme Court Chief Justice Barbara Smith; fluent Chickasaw speaker, educator and Silver Feather award winner Rose Jefferson; language speaker, historian and Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame inductee Pauline Carpenter Brown; and Towana Spivey, also a Chickasaw Hall of Fame inductee, historian and consultant to Hollywood on movies and documentaries involving Native Americans and history.

In all, 50 Native American elders were cited by the organization. AARP lobbies politicians and works with organizations to improve the quality of lives for people over age 50.

Chief Justice Smith is a jurist, an attorney, an educator and a tribal leader. Prior to becoming a Supreme Court justice, she served as District Court Judge for the Chickasaw Nation.

She also serves as Special Judge for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Court and practices law.

She is a former math instructor at Norman (OK) High School and is an adjunct professor at the University of Oklahoma School of Law where she teaches tribal courts and Native American Studies Program concerning tribal sovereignty.

Justice Smith is on the board of directors of the Native American Rights Fund in Boulder, Colo., the board of the National American Indian Court Judges Association and the Advisory Council for the National Tribal Judicial Center.

Mrs. Jefferson is a fluent speaker of the Chickasaw language. It is estimated there are only 70 fluent speakers of the language. She was awarded the 2006 Silver Feather award which honors Chickasaws who have committed their lives to the preservation and revitalization of Chickasaw culture, language and life ways. The honor was created by the Chickasaw Nation in 1999.

A full-blood Chickasaw, she served on the Chickasaw Language Committee and Chickasaw Nation Election Commission.

Active in the Chickasaw Nation Senior Center in Ada, Okla., she is the current vice president of the Ada Circle Council. She is an artisan and is renowned for her beautiful beadwork, sewing and quilting, which she produces for surgery patients at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center.

Mrs. Jefferson is influential in development of "new" words to be included in the Chickasaw language and is involved in development of the Chickasaw language application available on iTunes.

She is a member of the Mitchell Memorial Methodist Church and participates in the Chickasaw elders choir singing traditional hymns at funerals and gatherings.

Mrs. Brown, too, is a fluent speaker of the language and is considered a Chickasaw cultural and historical treasure. She was inducted into the Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame in 2007. She serves on the Chickasaw Language Committee, the Chickasaw Nation Historical Society and the tribal election board.

She makes use of her knowledge in her work as a consultant to Wickliffe Mounds Archeological Site in Kentucky, the Union County Historical and Genealogical Museum in Mississippi, and the Old Post Office Museum in Mississippi.

Mr. Spivey, a 2012 Chickasaw Nation Hall of Fame inductee, is one of the tribe's premiere historians. He has worked as a historical consultant on movies "Windtalkers" and Kevin Costner's blockbuster "Dances With Wolves."

He has spent his life and career preserving the history, language and culture of Chickasaw, Choctaw, Comanche, Kiowa, Chiricahua, Apache and Warm Springs Apache tribes. While conducting archaeological investigations at 19th century military posts and historic sites, Mr. Spivey worked as curator for the Chickasaw White House in Emet, Okla. He was also a consultant on the preservation of the original 1855 Chickasaw Nation Council House in Tishomingo, Okla.

Since 1982, he has served as director and curator of the Fort Sill Historical Landmark and Museum in Lawton, Okla., and is senior curator for the U.S. Army Museum System where he is involved in planning the new Field Artillery Museum at Fort Sill. He is an author. He has written many books concerning frontier history and served as a consultant on at least 35 television documentaries.

"Though they come from different backgrounds and cultures, we see in (our) honorees the common bond they share – respect, dignity and service to their fellow man," AARP Oklahoma State President Marjorie Lyons said. The celebration of tribal elders is a tribute to the venerated position of honor and respect tribal nations give to their respective elders.

Since beginning the honor five years ago, 250 Indian elders from all 39 federally-recognized tribes and nations in Oklahoma have been honored by AARP, she added.

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Several child care providers from the Chickasaw Nation dance along during an interactive presentation at the September 21 Child Care Conference in Ada.

Child care providers learn 'magic of music'

ADA, Okla. – "Music has charms that soothe a savage breast," British playwright William Congreve famously wrote in 1697. More than 200 child care providers and early childhood educators learned recently that music is also an essential element when teaching children.

Veteran educator and keynote speaker Shawn Brown encourages attendees during his Chickasaw Nation Child Care Conference keynote presentation "New Millennium Music for the New Millennium Child."

The providers and educators gathered September 21 at the Chickasaw Business and Conference Center on the campus of East Central University for the Chickasaw Nation's 10th Annual Child Care Conference.

Veteran educator Shawn Brown delivered the keynote address, "New Millennium Music for the New Millennium Child," an entertaining and engaging foray into the benefits of incorporating music into a daily schedule and curriculum. Mr. Brown's how-to included lessons on putting together a playlist that not only compliments curriculum, but promotes emotional development.

"Shawn's outgoing personality, hands-on approach and spirited enthusiasm had everyone on their fee and laughing," Chickasaw Nation Child Care Director Michelle Key said. "The teachers and providers in attendance walked away with an abundance of ideas to incorporate into their daily schedules and curriculum. It was a great conference."

Denisia Deramus, manager of the Chickasaw Nation Child Development Center said this year's conference venue was also a big hit.

"We were able to host the conference at ECU's Chickasaw Conference and Business Center, and I really enjoyed the new facility," said Ms. Deramus. "The atmosphere was professional and we have had a lot of positive feedback."

Conference breakout sessions included a variety of choices from social and emotional development to fun games from favorite books, and everything in between.

Each year, the Chickasaw Nation Child Care Conference provides educators with essential career training. It was also open to anyone involved in the development or upbringing of a child, including child care providers, parents and grandparents.

For more information about the Chickasaw Nation's annual Child Care Conference call (580) 421-7711.

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Chickasaw ballplayer setting records

Chickasaw softball player Kobi Crossley slapping a double during the Native American Games.

Kobi Crossley is a ballplayer seemingly on a mission to break every softball record she encounters.

The Chickasaw girl is a junior at Newcastle (OK) High School where she is turning heads with her efficient and often amazing play.

Miss Crossley is a hard-hitting third baseman whose batting average and on base percentage numbers look like misprints. She is an Oklahoma fastpitch player who has seen just about every kind of riser, sinker, curve and slider. And nothing seems to put her off her game.

Fastpitch softball is an Oklahoma institution. It is played in the fall among high school teams, and throughout the summer on club and traveling teams. Miss Crossley has had lots of experience in both realms.

She has recently been named to the Canadian Valley All-Conference team. She would almost certainly be named to the All-State team, but that honor squad accepts only seniors. Miss Crossley will have to wait a year.

For the fall season just ended, she scored 43 runs in just 34 games. She went 53-for-104 at the plate for an eye-popping .509 batting average. Her season on base percentage was – not a misprint - .789.

During last summer's Jim Thorpe Games in Oklahoma City, Miss Crossley played shortstop for the Oklahoma Travelers, a Native American 18-and-under team. She batted .736 for the tournament as the Travelers took first place.

She also was selected to represent Oklahoma in the Native American Games in Phoenix. There, she batted .615 and helped lead her team to the championship.

Miss Crossley's high school team is coached by her uncle, Mike Crossley. Mr. Crossley recently achieve a milestone of his own by winning his 800th career game.

Kobi Crossley is the daughter of James (Jimbo) and Summer Crossley, of Newcastle. Her grandparents are Lee and Nina (Frazier) Crossley, of Del City, Okla.

Miss Crossley has three brothers, Jaycee, Kale and Treydon, and a sister, Tyler Lynn.

Tribe active in foster care, adoption; November is National Adoption Awareness Month

Every November and throughout the year, the Chickasaw Nation encourages families and organizations to raise awareness of the more than 100,000 children and youth around the country who are waiting to be adopted. An estimated 400,000 children are in foster care.

November is designated National Adoption Awareness Month throughout the U.S.

Nationally, Native American children make up two percent of children placed in foster care. Each year more than 20,000 children reach maturity while in foster care. Currently there are more than 150 Chickasaw children in need of tribal families to care for them. As a foster family you can provide the safe and loving home our children need.

The Chickasaw Nation Foster Care and Adoption Program, a part of the Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Advocacy, was developed to provide temporary or permanent care for Native American children placed in tribal or state custody. Since its inception, the foster care and adoption program has actively worked to provide safe and nurturing environments for custody children.

Because of the overwhelming statistics that demonstrate the need for foster care and adoption homes, the Chickasaw Nation seeks applicants who can meet the requirements for certification through the tribe. Providing foster care and permanent care through adoption requires special families willing to meet the challenges that arise in providing temporary or permanent care for custody children.

To learn more about foster care and adoption, contact the Chickasaw Nation Department of Family Advocacy at (580) 272-5550 or visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Chikasha offers 'home away from home' at tribe's Medical Center

Gerald and Ruth Ward, of McQuenney, Texas, at the Chikasha House on the campus of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center in Ada, Okla.

A Texas couple recently took a long, familiar road trip to Ada, Okla., for medical treatment. This time, they found hospitality and comfort at the new Chickasaw Nation Chikasha House.

Since a diabetes diagnosis in the early 1990s, Gerald Ward, 75, has made the 428-mile drive from McQueeney, Texas, several times a year to seek medical care.

A Choctaw citizen, Mr. Ward has experienced care at Carl Albert Indian Health Facility and its successor, the new Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. He has always appreciated the compassionate care. On one occasion, he distributed Bedre Chocolates to the hospital staff as a thank you for excellent care during his stay.

Throughout their 32-year marriage, Ruth Ward has been faithfully by her husband's side. She has either spent the night in the hospital or with family members in the Ada area for the duration of their stay.

Now, those family members who have served as Mrs. Ward's hosts, are aging. The Wards did not want to inconvenience them during a week-long trip when Mr. Ward underwent minor surgery last month.

The Wards turned to the Chikasha House, located on the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center campus at 1921 Stonecipher Blvd.

Chikasha House offers a "home away from home" for family members of patients experiencing extended hospital stays.

Gov. Bill Anoatubby and dozens of Chickasaw citizens and community members dedicated the facility in July.

"Caring for our families is always a top priority," Gov. Anoatubby said at the dedication. "The Chikasha House is designed to offer affordable, convenient and relaxing lodging to family members of patients who are far from home. We believe the Chikasha House can help bring peace of mind to patients and their loved ones facing this difficult situation."

The mission of the Chikasha House was fulfilled during the Wards' trip.

During their visit, they had high praise for the Chikasha House, hospital services, food quality and the exceptional customer service at both facilities.

"Everything is so convenient, everyone you meet here is extremely nice and the Okchamali' cafe makes a super fine Western omelet," Mr. Ward chuckled.

The experience also allowed the couple to visit, play dominoes and spend quality time with family members and not burden them to provide lodging.

"We didn't have to intrude on them," said Mrs. Ward.

A perpetual proponent of Chickasaw Nation health care, Mr. Ward shares his good experiences with his Texas friends and neighbors, most of whom are not familiar with the workings of the Indian Health System.

"I tell them I would put (the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center) up against any hospital in Texas, or anywhere for that matter. It is super clean and super nice," Mrs. Ward said. "Everything is first class all the way."

By a twist of fate, one of his good friends, an Alaska Native, visited the Medical Center and understood Mr. Ward's rave reviews.

"He was on his way to Arkansas for a wedding and he began to feel ill," said Mrs. Ward.

The friend called the Wards and got the address of the Chickasaw Nation Medical Clinic and made a visit. Later, the Wards heard rave reviews about his Chickasaw experience.

"He said, 'Man, I have never been treated like this – this is the nicest place I have ever been'," Mr. Ward recalled.

Mr. Ward is proud to be Native American. He strives to share that connection with the couple's seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

He is also grateful for the Chickasaw Nation embracing and sharing resources with other Native tribes.

"Even though I am Choctaw, the Chickasaws take care of me like I was their own," he said.

Mrs. Ward echoes her husband's sentiments.

"The Chickasaws have helped us tremendously," she said.

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Chickasaw Nation Ada Senior Citizens Gift Shop
1005 Chamber Loop · Ada, OK ·
(580) 436-1007
Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Beaded Items · Handmade Items
Native American Jewelry
Large and small Native American Teepees and blankets

Donations

The Chickasaw Foundation recently presented a "Christmas in July" project during its presentation at new employee orientation. This provided new employees an opportunity to contribute to the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan for the purchase of a Christmas light display for the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Tracie Carter, Special Projects Coordinator for the Chickasaw Foundation, presented a dove light display to Valorie Walters, Executive Officer at Culture and Humanities Administration, to be used at the Cultural Center.

Through a private grant the Chickasaw Foundation purchased a golf cart for the Chikasha House to be used by elders. Johnna R. Walker is shown with Chikasha House manager, Norm Stanfield.

The Chickasaw Foundation purchased two Staxi wheelchairs to be used by elderly patients at the Chickasaw Nation Medical Center. Portions of this purchase were funded by the Employee Contribution Plan and a private grant. Johnna R. Walker and Rebecca Lamb, Chikasha House employee, are shown with one of the wheelchairs.

Chickasaw Foundation executive director Johnna Walker and Chikasha House manager Norm Standfield on the golf cart recently donated to the Chikasha House.

Tracie Carter, left, presents a dove Christmas decoration to Valorie Walters for the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

Johnna Walker (standing) and Rebecca Lamb with one of the Staxi wheelchairs donated to the Chikasha House.

Chickasaw Foundation Friends of the Foundation Reception

The Chickasaw Foundation is a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit organization. The foundation is accepting donations for its silent auction during the Friends of the Foundation reception on November 15. This reception is an annual event that recognizes donors and volunteers. This year's reception will be at the Chickasaw Nation Community Center, 700 N. Mississippi, Ada, Okla., beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Your tax-deductible donation will benefit the foundation and its scholarship program. In 2007 the Chickasaw Foundation Fine Arts Scholarship was established for any college student with a CDIB majoring in fine arts (arts, music, dramatics and dance).

If you are interested in making a donation, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030.

The mission of the Chickasaw Foundation is to promote the general welfare and culture of the Chickasaw people by supporting educational, health, historical and community activities and programs.

Employee Charitable Contribution Plan

The Chickasaw Foundation is greatly appreciative to employees who elected to donate to the Foundation through the Employee Charitable Contribution Plan (ECCP). Receipts will be mailed to ECCP participants who contributed over $250 to the Foundation during 2013.

Receipts for smaller donations are available upon request. You may contact our office by calling (580) 421-9030 or by e-mail at ChickasawFoundation@chickasaw.net.

Thank you for your continued support, and for helping to make a difference in the lives of others!

"The life of a man consists not in seeing visions and in dreaming dreams, but in active charity and in willing service." – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

Memorial Donations

The Chickasaw Foundation was established in 1971 and is a 501 (C) 3 organization. Every year the foundation is fortunate to receive many charitable donations.

The Chickasaw Foundation also accepts memorial donations. A memorial donation is a special way of remembering a loved one while helping others. Acknowledgement cards can be sent to family members per your request upon a donation being received by the Chickasaw Foundation.

Please contact the foundation office at (580) 421-9030 if you have any questions.

Foundation Annual T-Ball Tournament April 25-26

The 6th annual t-ball tournament will be April 25-26, 2014 at the Chickasaw Nation Softball Complex in Ada. This will be a double-elimination tournament and only the first 10 teams will be accepted. The entry fee is $100 and the age cut-off date is January 1. Players must be six years old on or before December 31 to play.

Nonprofit management, STEM scholarships now open for application

The Chickasaw Foundation announces the opening of two scholarships for Spring 2014. All scholarship applications and supporting documentation must be delivered or postmarked by the stated deadline of January 11, 2014 to be considered for funding. The following scholarships are available.

The Chickasaw Foundation Nonprofit Management Scholarship is for a full-time Chickasaw student with a GPA of 3.0 or higher who is an undergraduate or graduate student at a four-year college or university. The student must be pursuing a nonprofit management certification.

The John Bennett Herrington Scholarship is for a full-time Chickasaw student with a GPA of 2.5 or higher in his or her junior or senior year at any four-year college or university. The student must be pursuing a degree in engineering, physics, chemistry, mathematics, geophysics, natural science or a related field approved by the Chickasaw Foundation Board of Trustees, and must have a demonstrated interest in space aeronautics.

If you would like to receive an application, please contact the Chickasaw Foundation at (580) 421-9030 or visit www.chickasawfoundation.org.

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COMING Home	1987	2013
Trust Funds	$446,783	$20.31 Million
Tribal Assets	$12.8 Million	Nearly 200 Fold
Federal Budget	$7.8 Million	$170 Million
Tribal Budget	$206,300	$202 Million
Land	1,900 acres (approx.)	12,000 acres (approx.)
Employees	260	12,952
Businesses	4	100+
Senior Sites	3	12
Health Facilities	2	6
Higher Ed Funding	$216,351	$15.6 Million
Scholarship Students	157	4,044
Head Start	1/50 Students	4/271 Students
Programs	33	68/216
Area Offices	0	8

Alexander and Justice Mark Colbert.

We look forward to continuing our work with you.

We had the Senior Olympics on Wednesday.

It was a really great time and it was well attended. I enjoyed being there for the opening ceremonies.

Thursday we had the Cultural Evening. The turnout was exceptional.

One of the activities included the Arts and Culture Awards. Dr. Shannon Speed was honored as Dynamic Woman of the Year and Mr. Jerry Imotichey received the Silver Feather Award. Congratulations to them and all the artists and writers who received awards at the Arts and Culture ceremonies.

Also, at the Cultural Evening, the Chickasaw Press released three new titles:

"Riding out the Storm: Nineteenth Century Chickasaw Governors," by Dr. Phillip Carroll Morgan, "Chikasha Stories, Volume Three", by Glenda Galvan, and illustrated by Jeannie Barbour, and "Footprints Still Whispering in the Wind" by Margie Testerman.

The Press has really been successful in its work, and we appreciate what they do to preserve that which is Chickasaw.

We sincerely hope you enjoyed this week, and we encourage you to enjoy the rest of this day's activities.

It's good to come together to discuss the progress of this great Nation, and to catch up on the happenings and accomplishments of the last year.

The Chickasaw Nation had another successful year.

We had advancements in services, commerce, tribal government and finances.

The Chickasaw Nation has never been in better shape and the state of the Chickasaw Nation is the best ever!

In February, a new 53,000 square foot health clinic was opened right here in Tishomingo.

Many new services that weren't offered are now offered at the clinic.

Staffing has increased from 26 at the former clinic to now 82 employees.

Overall in the health system, we saw growth

We had over 500,000 patient visits at the health system last fiscal year.

The pharmacy filled more than 1.2 million prescriptions during this last year.

Some services are unique to our area.

The medical center is the only rural hospital that offers cardiac CT.

This valuable service is really important and it has been available at our medical center since November.

Also on the campus of the medical center is the Chikasha House, it opened in July.

These units were designed to relieve families who live outside the area of costs related to travel and lodging.

There are two 2,000 sq. ft. housing units and they accommodate up to eight families of four.

Since opening, 19 families have utilized the houses.

The summer food program, is also operated out of the health department it's under nutrition services, they served over 20,000 meals during the summer.

This program provides nutritious meals to children at various locations throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

We still celebrate our new medical center in Ada.

You may remember, in order to build the medical center, we issued $90 million in bonds and invested another $60 million in tribal funds

This allowed the Nation to improve health care services, but we didn't have to wait to accumulate the funds needed for construction, equipment and fixtures.

At the time when those bonds were issued we pledged that we would retire the debt as soon as possible.

We have taken that pledge seriously!

This year, when an opportunity presented itself, we were able to retire another $27,830,000 of those bonds.

The balance owed on the bonds now is down from the original $90 million to $16,690,000.

These early payments have saved the Chickasaw Nation considerable interest.

Our education division has continued to add new activities for our Chickasaw students.

This year, the division established the Chickasaw Summer Leadership Academy.

Activities within the education division always revolve around providing opportunities for students.

Higher education provided scholarships and other forms of support in the amount of $15 million to more than 4,000 students.

This division engages in many beneficial activities supporting the education of our people.

One way our department of family services assists families is by promoting wellness inside the family.

Overall wellness requires attention to the whole person: the complete person.

Addictions and other emotional illnesses are barriers to good health, just like heart disease, diabetes or cancer. They should be treated with the same vigor as other health concerns.

To that end, the Chickasaw Nation is elevating the capacity of mental health services.

We believe that the family systems approach of addressing mental health is the Chickasaw way of thinking.

We seek to include the entire family in finding treatment solutions.

Additionally, treatment methods are culturally competent and provide aftercare in our communities.

The Adolescent Transitional Living Center, in Pauls Valley, opened in February.

This 24 bed facility, provides substance abuse and low intensity treatment for youth aging from 14-18.

An outpatient services clinic is located next door to the living center.

The program employs 23 people.

Since April, 80 individuals have been served.

We are making plans, and are committing resources, to expand adult substance abuse treatment and to establish a comprehensive program to assist with more intensive, urgent mental health circumstances.

The departments of family services and health are working together to develop a model that addresses this vital area.

We opened a softball complex in July. It is located in Ada and includes two regulation-sized softball fields and one youth-sized field.

The fields have bleachers, dugouts, warm-up areas and are lighted for evening games.

In addition, it has a half-court outdoor basketball area as well as a playground area.

It was created to complement on-going community wellness efforts that we've made over the years.

The Chickasaw Nation's business portfolio continues to expand.

In December, we opened the Salt Creek Casino. This business is located nine miles north of Chickasha.

Nearly 200 jobs were created. The business is already meeting our expectations.

In November, the new production operation of Bedre' Fine Chocolates and the Chickasaw Welcome Center were opened at the junction of Interstate 35 and Highway 7.

These two operations work hand-in-hand to promote tourism in the Murray County area and throughout the Chickasaw Nation.

The Chickasaw Travel Stop, located just north of Highway 7 at the Davis exit, also opened in July.

This adds to the chain of CTS (Chickasaw Travel Stop) stores that the Chickasaw Nation operates.

The Artesian Hotel, Spa and Casino, in Sulphur, opened with fanfare in August.

Much like the original, it is a grand hotel that was located on that site, it is already becoming popular to the casual and the business traveler.

We broke ground on the Sovereign Clinic at Riverwind in November.

This facility will primarily serve the employees of Riverwind, but will also be open to the general public.

We had another great Hall of Fame induction ceremony in May with record attendance.

We congratulate inductees: Colbert Latimer "Bud" Baker, Betty Ruth Kemp, Gene "Nashoba" Thompson.

We also congratulate the families of Thomas Benjamin Thompson, Sr. and Benson Pikey who were inducted posthumously.

We appreciate the work of these Chickasaws who contributed to the progress of our Nation. Their images are enshrined in the Honor Garden at the Chickasaw Cultural Center.

There has been a tremendous amount of activity within our programs and services this last year.

It would be quite time consuming if we tried to go over all of those today so we will just hit the highlights this morning.

To be responsive to the needs and wants of the Chickasaw people, we must be willing to change the structure of this organization that serves you.

This willingness and flexibility to change will assure you the most effective and efficient tribal government possible.

We have just completed the first phase of an organizational regrouping.

Eight upper level departments are now responsible for day to day operations.

The departments are: health, treasury, commerce, family services, communications and community development, interior services, culture and humanities and community services.

Eight secretaries oversee these departments.

Departmental secretaries in the auditorium, please stand and be recognized.

We appreciate them and the talented leadership that they provide.

In May, tornadoes caused great devastation in several parts of Oklahoma.

While the tribal government sustained some damage, the devastation suffered by many of our citizens and employees who lived in the affected areas was traumatic.

Many Chickasaw Nation employees went to work quickly to aid the affected families.

They worked alongside others in helping the disaster victims.

Our employees are absolutely the best. Let's give them a round of applause for doing that!

Besides the many volunteers who physically helped people in need, through a disaster relief fund, the Nation was able to assist families with basic necessities and shelter.

We thank all who have contributed to that fund. All proceeds are used to directly assist the people affected.

There were hundreds of Chickasaws living in the disaster area.

Watch the screen for one family's story of tragedy and determination.

Summer and Addyson Roberts and family from Moore are here today. Please stand and be recognized.

Our hearts go out to you.

We know that the job is not done, and we intend to work until it is.

We talked about the rules that have been developed by IRS and that they're intended to be guidelines and how they will apply.

This year we are a little closer to a conclusion.

Chances are, based on the reports that we received most of the services and benefits will only require some tweaks to our existing system.

However, others may require some changes and some a complete overhaul.

So be assured, we will work to protect all we've done that has taken decades to create.

We will certainly keep you posted on it.

The progress of our pending litigation seems to move rather slowly. That's the nature of the legal system.

Mediation continues in the water rights case.

All parties continue to meet regularly in hopes of reaching a conclusion. Much effort has been invested in this, and we hope for a positive outcome.

Negotiations on the trust case were not successful.

The value of our claim could not be agreed upon by the government and the Chickasaw and Choctaw Nations.

So, we have returned to the courtroom.

Counsel for the parties appeared before the judge to present their case and have filed all necessary documents.

And now we await the judge's decision.

The theme of our annual meeting is "Coming Home: Sharing Our Stories."

In keeping with the theme, we should take time to remember the changes that have taken place within our Nation.

So, let's remember the story of the Chickasaw Nation.

In the long history of our Nation, our people have been focused, they have been resilient and they have been determined.

Even after European explorers disrupted our way of life, our tribe persevered and adapted to the changing times.

Even after we were uprooted from our homelands in Mississippi, we re-established ourselves and our Nation and set about making a life in a new territory.

Even when the territory we occupied and owned was broken up into allotments and an attempt was made to divest us of our government, we continued to hold our families together and wanted for something more.

For decades, attempts were made to acculturate us and destroy the bond that held us together.

We held on to our hope that one day we would again be self-governing and self-determined.

That hope changed to action in the 50s and 60s when community leaders fought for our ability to select our own leadership.

In 1970, it became a reality, and in 1971, we had our first gubernatorial election after Oklahoma statehood.

But, that was not enough for our people, our people wanted a constitution.

The elected leadership answered with an opportunity to create one, and one was established in 1979 even though it lacked the same authority that existed before statehood.

A landmark federal court decision changed the whole landscape, when it ruled that our 1867 Constitution was still in effect.

Then, a historic reformation process took place that combined the 1979 and 1867 Constitutions.

In 1983, thirty years ago, a new constitutional form of government was established by the Chickasaw people. Our sovereignty was affirmed.

We were in a new age: a time of self-determination, self-governance, a time to correct decades of paternalism and do for ourselves.

This was a time of change: a time to embrace our freedom, but more importantly, take responsibility for our future.

Our leaders took into account every difficulty, every problem the Nation faced and made each one a challenge for the future.

A challenge to improve on what was, and, a challenge to dream of what could be.

During the years that followed, many advances were made in tribal government, commerce, cultural activities and the ability to control our own affairs…to affect our destiny.

Priorities were set. A plan was developed.

The same opportunities, the same rights and the same powers to select our own destiny were needed for our people just like the rest of society.

More educational opportunities were needed. Through education, we could have improvement in the prosperity of our people and of our Nation.

Better health care for Chickasaws was a necessity.

Opportunities for safe, decent housing were continued as a priority.

Employment opportunities were needed. Through employment, individuals could provide for themselves and their families, leading to greater self-sufficiency.

We are a spirited people.

Our heritage is a source of great pride in our Nation. Our culture, language and heritage bind us together and make us strong.

Programs were needed to create a better understanding of our Nation's values, history, language and culture.

Our tribal government needed to be placed on a firm financial base.

Our people needed to be unified.

All of these goals, along with others, would shape the direction of the Chickasaw Nation for decades.

Much was achieved in a relatively short period of time because of hard work and perseverance, and much was yet to be accomplished.

Let's take a glimpse of the changes a person would find if they were "coming home" for the first time in years.

We'll place some information on the screen behind me.

We'll look at the past and we will look at where we are today based on some, certainly not all, comparative indicators of the status of this great Nation.

October 1, 1987 we had just experienced a $90,000 deficit. Deficit in our trust funds, the source of funding for our tribal budget.

In August 1987 the trust funds were about $440,000.

But the very next year on October 1, 1988, we reported a surplus of over $22,000 bringing that account to over $460,000, reversing the trend of deficit spending.

The total assets were nearly $13 million.

There was success in increasing the number of federal programs and those budgets had grown to almost $8 million.

The tribal budget beginning the first of October 1987 was about $200,000.

We owned about 1,900 acres.

The Nation employed about 260 people and the Housing Authority employed another 100.

We had four businesses that transferred funds to the Nation during fiscal year 1988 that prevented another tribal budget deficit.

We opened a senior citizens site here in Tishomingo that year and that brought the total of the senior sites to three.

In addition to operating a health clinic in Tishomingo, a second clinic was opened in Ardmore. The Indian Health Service, of course a federal agency, operated Carl Albert Indian Health Facility.

Higher education funding was around $200,000 and provided scholarships to 157 students.

A Head Start center operated in Ada with 50 students.

The Nation received congressional approval of the Railroad Station Grounds settlement.

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Chickasaw singer reflects feelings on being back in the Chickasaw Nation

Coming home 'like a breath of fresh air' for Chickasaw artist

Tabitha Fair

Chickasaw singer Tabitha Fair grew up in Oklahoma. Her roots run deep in the state even though she now calls New York City home.

But returning to Chickasaw country to help celebrate the tribe's annual festival through song, she has found a new emotional connection to the state and people she says she will always be proud to call her own.

Ms. Fair was part of this year's Annual Meeting and Chickasaw Festival in a very special way. She recorded a special song marking the occasion and returned to Oklahoma this summer to shoot a video for the festival. The video premiered at the Annual Meeting.

"If I can lend my gifts and talents to the Chickasaw Nation, I will do it at the drop of a hat," she said. "It's amazing to come back and feel that belonging to something. "

The theme of the song connected to the theme of this year's event – "Coming Home."

"I think you can say the music has a country flair to it," she said. "It takes you through the journey of growing up and moving away, and longing for your home and family. It's about experiencing the joy of coming back to your roots, your family and your homeland."

Ms. Fair said the song seemed to be written for her, and she wondered if the songwriters knew her personal story as they wrote it.

"It did ring true," she said. "I felt as I was singing it, that it was my story."

She said all her family was from Oklahoma and many family members still reside throughout the state.

"When I come back to Oklahoma it is like coming home," she said. "It's like breathing fresh air. It smells so good here."

Ms. Fair's music is grounded in Oklahoma church music. She said learning to sing in the church from a very young age helped her learn how to connect to God and to an audience.

The singer said that while living in New York was hard for anyone wanting a career in music, she has had the opportunity to perform with some of the world's most famous stars – Sting, Lady Gaga, Beyonce and Amy Grant to name just a few.

"I've had some amazing opportunities," she said. "I think those things were preparing me for something greater. I believe this is going to be part of that. There's a reason I was given this opportunity. I hold my heritage. I honor it, and I want to honor this music."

Ms. Fair speculated that performing this song at the Annual Meeting and Festival could be the beginning of doing more musically with her Chickasaw heritage.

"I'm one-fourth Chickasaw and I'm proud of that," she said. "I want to put something in popular culture that could translate our heritage in a positive and unique way. I think people want to know more about native culture. I would love to be a vessel and sing something that means something to help the planet and the world."

A Chickasaw renaissance was happening, she said, and she wants to be part of musically and for the world.

"I look at us now and see what we are doing for our state and country," she said. "We have risen above. It's amazing for our people and makes me so proud. I want to be part of that."

Ms. Fair enjoys all kinds of music, but her heart is in gospel music. She is currently working with a New York gospel group on a project. The new venture will feature music that has soul and country roots.

To view the "Coming Home" video starring Fair, visit www.chickasaw.net.

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Original Artesian Hotel in Sulphur was the showcase of the area, rest stop for the celebrated

Former bellhop recalls life lessons, grandeur of the Artesian

Loren White

Bobbie-soxers sipping sodas at the drug store counter. Songs by young crooner Frank Sinatra emanating from the radio. Bob Hope and Bing Crosby starring in "The Road To Rio" on the silver screen.

These slices of life describe early post-war America for many people. For one teenager in Sulphur, Okla., life in the mid 1940s meant working at one of the most recognizable places in the state – the Artesian Hotel.

Loren White, of San Antonio, fondly recalls his days as a bellboy at the Artesian. The Chickasaw boy worked at the hotel from 1944 to 1947 until he was 17 and went off to college. Looking back, working at the Artesian provided him a foundation that would serve him throughout his life.

"I have vivid memories of the mosaic tile floor and the big windows," he said in a recent interview. "The windows were eight feet high and were all the way around except where the telegraph office and cigar shop were. They would pull those windows up in the summertime."

This summer, the new Artesian Hotel, Spa and Casino officially opened. The hotel's dedication featured a number of local and state dignitaries, including Mr. White. He was also among those recognized during this year's Annual Meeting and Festival "State of the Nation" address.

In the early 1940s, shortly after the Empire of Japan bombed the U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbor, the White family moved from Caddo, Okla., to Sulphur. Mr. White's father became "the Curtis Candy man." Mr. White recalls riding in the back of the candy delivery truck and seeing a big billboard along the road that read: "Howdy stranger! Sulphur welcomes you."

"I was real glad that Sulphur was going to be our home," he said. "I was only there for a little while, from the time I was 11 until I was 17 when I went off to college. But those years were memorable. Wherever I was, Sulphur was my home."

When he was about 14, he was given the opportunity to see the world through the windows of the Artesian Hotel.

"It (Sulphur) was such a sweet place to live even though the war was going on," he said. "There weren't many men. They were all taken (to the war) I guess so that's why jobs were available to kids who wouldn't have ordinarily been available to them."

Fortunately for Mr. White, his family home was only four blocks from the hotel. He had been selling popcorn for 25 cents an hour at the Platt Theater. He took that job at age 12 so he could raise enough money to join Boy Scouts. He was still working at the theater when he got to talking to a classmate about another job opportunity.

"There was a boy in high school who was a little older than I was, and he was leaving school," Mr. White said. "He had been working as a bellhop (at the Artesian). He said that job was probably open so I went down to the hotel and asked if I could have it. And that's how I got the job."

The Artesian Hotel was the showplace of the community. It attracted guests from across the nation.

"I met many people," Mr. White said. "I saw Roy Rogers and Dale Evans eat in the hotel. I remember seeing Gabby Hayes there and watched how he dealt with all the little kids. We had the best time."

As a bellhop, Mr. White did more than simply assist guests with their luggage. He also operated the old-fashioned Otis elevator. He described it as the kind with two doors, one an old gate door that had to be pulled closed by hand.

"You had to be able to estimate the weight that you had on in order to level the floor of the elevator with the floor where you were letting people off," he said. "Once in a while I would have to tap it and let it go either down or up, but I could pretty well place that elevator bed right flat with the floor."

During his time, Mr. White said he met some pretty interesting people in that elevator.

"I remember a time going up when this large fella got on the elevator with a couple of other men and they were going up to a conference that was being held on the second floor," he said. "I looked up at this man that had that big hat on – a white hat – and I said 'you sure do look familiar.' And he said, 'well son,' he put his arm around my shoulder, and he said, 'I ought to. I'm your governor.' And that was Gov. Bob Kerr."

Bellhops at the Artesian had to hustle.

"When a car pulled up in front of the hotel, you had to dash out and greet them, get their bags and carry them inside," Mr. White said. "We would bring them to the bell counter where they would register. Anybody could come and read who was present and who was the guest and where they were from. Quite different today."

Rooms at the Artesian were about $1.25 a night if you didn't get a room with a southern exposure. In the summertime, Mr. White said, guests wanted to have a southern exposure room even though it cost about a dollar more.

The Artesian was known for its elegance. The dining room, Mr. White said, had linen tablecloths and napkins with heavy silver and "very, very good food."

He remembered how people would sit on the porch in the summer. The mosaic tile floor, he believed, was constructed at the 1905 St. Louis World's Fair and brought to Sulphur. He also thought the original furniture had been brought from the World's Fair. There also was a huge mirror between the registration office and the west side door.

The floors upstairs were wood and, he said, they creaked every time he walked guests to their room.

The famous Sulphur baths that were part of the original Artesian had all but phased out during Mr. White's Artesian tenure. The baths were popular because the water there was considered medicinal. Even during Mr. White's time as a bellhop, people would come to the Artesian looking for the bathhouse.

The owner at the time was Harry Kelly. He was a colorful man, Mr. White said, who always dressed with great care. He wore a bow tie and long-sleeved shirts every day. He always had shined shoes and insisted the bellhops keep their shoes shined, too.

"He was a generally friendly, outgoing, fair complexion Irishman, and was very articulate, well educated and very well read," Mr. White said. "He was interested in everybody and he was kind."

Mr. Kelly, Mr. White said, would always say "through these doors come the best people in the world. They are our customers."

Mr. Kelly had a parrot, Mr. White said, and the bird would stay on his shoulder most of the day. Mr. Kelly would walk through the lobby of the hotel with the parrot on his shoulder and people would always ask if Polly wanted a cracker.

Mr. Kelly was a kind of father figure to Mr. White. Mr. White respected him and learned a lot about the hospitality business while working at the Artesian. In fact, Mr. Kelly offered to send Mr. White to Cornell University to study hotel management, but Mr. White instead chose Texas where he earned a psychology degree. He later became a minister.

While he chose to take a different career path, the Artesian left a big imprint on Mr. White's life.

"I learned how to get along with people," he said. "I learned the value of the individual. I learned that I could pretty well trust human nature to respond to kindness and friendliness and helpfulness."

He was sad, he said, when he heard about the fire that destroyed the original Artesian years ago. But, he is happy to see it come back to prominence.

"I am so proud that the Chickasaws have done this," he said. "I know that the whole area will profit by having a good place for people to stay. Being a Chickasaw, it means a great deal to me. I've got a lot of history connected with the tribe through my family and I have always been very proud being a Chickasaw."

"I feel real excited about this and I believe (a renaissance for Sulphur) is going to happen," he said of the Artesian opening in August.

Mr. White's grandfather on his mother's side was Eli Perry Goforth, the chief interpreter at the time of allocation. Mr. Goforth also served as a Chickasaw senator.

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Annual Meeting and Festival Events

Redek Collins, student at the Tishomingo Head Start program, on the pony rides at Pennington Park. Redek is the son of Rachael and Derek Collins, of Tishomingo.

Honor Guard member Ray Orphan.

Janessa Monetatchi with the Dance Troupe at Cultural Evening.

From left, Pauline Brown, Virginia Bolin and Geneva Holman at Cultural Evening.

From left, 2013 2014 Royalty Little Miss Chickasaw Jacee Underwood, Chickasaw Junior Princess Faithlyn Seawright and Chickasaw Princess Savannah Burwell at the State of the Nation.

Barbara Leverett of the Duncan Senior Center.

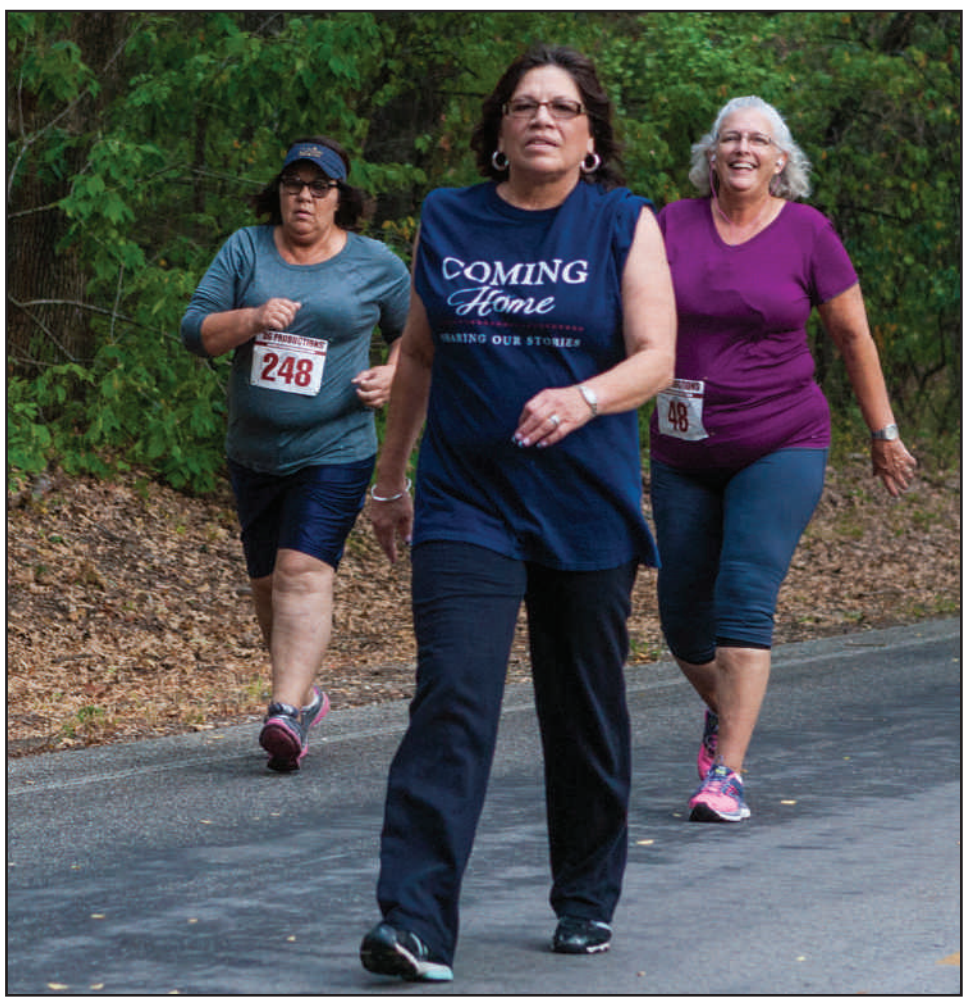
Shirley Thompson of the Ardmore Senior Center.

From left, Marie Saxton of the Madill Senior Center, Gloria and Ben Willis of the Ardmore Senior Center and Bill Simmons (standing) of the Ardmore Senior Center.

Rufus Eyachabe of the Tishomingo Senior Center.

Annual Meeting and Festival Events

Leonard Monroe running the Annual Meeting and Festival 5k Fun Run.



Rita Loder leads the way for the 5K Walk.

Corey Fetters

Khloe Underwood

Lisa John and Zack Hawkins

2013 Annual Meeting and Festival Cornstalk Shoot winners include from left, 1st Place, Wayne Scribner; 2nd Place, Andrew Scribner; 3rd place, Matt Scribner. Tim Cornelius presented the winners with their trophies.

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Abbott, Barney Jr. – Navy (DECEASED)
Abbott, James Elmore – Navy, Air Force
Abbott, Monroe – Army Sgt.
Abshier, Joshua T.¬¬ – Army Spc. 2009-2012, South Korea
Acox, Keith Ray – Air Force
Adair, Randolph – Army, SGT E-5
Adams, Alfred James – Army / Navy, WWII
Adams, Harley – Army, WWII
Adcock, Alverta June – Air Force, Vietnam (DECEASED)
Adcock, David Eugene – Army
Adcock, Kenneth B. – Navy Reserve, Chief Petty Officer (DECEASED)
Adkins, Bobby R. – Army, 1954-1957
Adkins, William – Navy, 1952-1972
Agnew, Phillip C. – United States Coast Guard, 1958-1966
Ahtone, Mary – Army E-3
Aiken, Floyd
Akins, Doyle Jr. – Air Force
Akins, Ronnie
Alberson, Steven
Aldridge, Gene – Army Cpl.
Aldridge, Phillip – Navy Cmdr.
Alexander, Jim – Army 101st Calvary, WWII (DECEASED)
Alexander, William – Army E5, 1974-1985
Allen, Barry Lynn – Navy, PN3 E-4
Allen, Edward P. – Army E5, Vietnam
Allen, Franklin Dee – Army Sgt.
Allen, Gerald Roger – Army, 1973-1975
Allen, Jacob Dale – National Guard
Allen, Johnny David – Marine Corps, 1965-1985
Allen, John Rayburn – Navy, 1975-1982
Allen, Nathaniel Drew – Navy
Allen, Perry I. – Army Sergeant, Vietnam
Allison, Chad – Army National Guard
Allison, Heath
Allison, Matt – Navy
Allison, Perry Wade – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Allison, Robert Wade – Army
Allison, Ronald L. – Army Combat Medic, Vietnam
Amerson, James E. – Army, Korea
Amerson, John Robert – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Amerson, Sammye Wayne
Amerson, Wesley Henry – Nary, WWII (DECEASED)
Anderson, Donald D.
Anderson, James W. – Army SP5 (T) E-5
Anderson, John Edwin
Anderson, Ron
Anderson, Tim – Navy
Andrews, Earl L. Army WWII (DECEASED)
Andrews, Robert T.
Andrews, Vernon, R. Army 1st Cavalry WWII
Anoatubby, Gene A.
Anoatubby, Russel – Air Force, 1956-1960
Anthony, James – Air Force
Apala, Darwin
Apala, Lemuel W., Jr.
Apala, Michael – Air Force reserve
Apala, Mike Jonas – Army/National Guard
Apala, Robert – Air Force, Tech Sgt.
Archer, Brian D. – Army NG
Archer, Fred Lee – Coast Guard E-4
Arms, Harold – Marines L/Cpl.
Archer, Russell – Army 1st Lt.
Arms, Harold C. – Marine Corps, 1959-1963
Armstrong, Amos B. – Army Cpl.
Armstrong, Kerry M. – Army
Arnold, Mark Howard – Army, 1970-1973
Arpelar, Eugene – Navy, Korea
Asbury, Ed – Army, WWII
Ashley, John Remel – Army, Korean conflict (DECEASED)
Ashton, George Victor – Navy/Merchant Marine, WWII
Atkins, Dave Bailey, Larry – WWII
Bailey, Brad – Navy Ash2- E5
Bailey, Gary
Baker, Bradford S.
Baker, Colbert L. (Bud) – Navy Lt.
Baker III, Colbert L. – Marine E-5
Baker, John Brunt – Air Force 1 Lt.
Ballard, Christopher
Ballard, Joe R. – Navy, Korea
Ballard, Richard E. – Army, 1983-1987
Baptiste, Arch – Army
Barlow, Howard
Barnes, Shelly – Army
Barnoski, Matthew – Air Force
Barrick, Brad – OK ARNG Spl.
Bates, Ernest K. – Navy
Bateman Jr., Carl Grayden – Army / OARING Capt. Unit 2B 180 Inf.
Bearden, Albert Preston – Army, 1955-1957
Beck, Eddie G.
Beck, Jimmy–Army, Vietnam Era
Beck, Melissa Marie – Navy E3
Beck, Tommy–Army, Vietnam Era
Bell, Ben – Marine Corps, 1968-1971
Belvin, Jimmy – Army
Belvin, Wendell
Belvin, William Blake – Army, Private First Class
Benson, Billy – Army Air Troop Cpl.
Benton, Sammy – Marine Corps
Bergen, Marcie Anne – Army
Berna, Amber
Berry, Aburn
Beshirs, Joe – Navy – Seaman 1st Class
Beshirs, Larry Dale
Beshirs, R.A. – Army Staff Sgt., 1961-1970
Beshirs Jr., Samuel D. – Navy, Aviation Electronic 2nd Class Petty Officer, OEF/OIF
Bher, Carson – Army National Guard
Billy, Walter – Navy, Petty Officer Third Class
Billy, William – Navy, 1954-1968
Bishop (Longbrake), Dennis – Navy
Bizzell, Micah – Army
Black, Thomas – Army, PV2
Blanchard, Elmer R. – Army Spec/E4
Blankenship, Charles – Army, 1953-1955
Blevins, Ronald Clyde – Navy, WWII (DECEASED)
Blevins, Kenneth Taylor – Air Force Airman First Class
Blevins, Steven Loyd – Army 1st Class-retired
Blocker, Bruce –Navy/Air Force, WWII
Blocker, Edward L.–Air Force
Blocker, Ronald O. –Air Force, Somalia – Desert Storm
Bloomer, Donald R. United States Air Force
Bolen, Joseph – Army, WWI
Bomboy, Jim – Air Force Airman First
Bomboy, John – Army Spc. 4th Class
Bond, Curtis – Army (DECEASED)
Bond, George–Army, WWII
Bond, Larry–Army
Bond, Lloyd – Air Force (DECEASED)
Bonham, John Maytubby – Army 2 Lt.
Boudreau, David A. – Air Force, 1987-2007
Boudreau, Dixie J. (Blanchard) – Air Force, Vietnam
Boudreau, Edward J. Jr. – Air Force, 1986-1990
Bourland, Howard Lynn – Army Air Corp, WWII
Bourland, Joe R. – Army, 1957-1959
Bourland, Joseph W. – Marine Corps
Bourland, Don – Marine Corps Marine Medic, Vietnam
Bourland, Ben – Air Force, 1991-1996
Bowlegs, William J. – Marine Corps Corporal E4, 1970-1973
Boyd, Dexter M. – Navy, 1957-1959
Boyd, James P. – Navy , Vietnam
Boyd, Nichola L. – Navy
Boyd, Patricia A. – Navy
Bralley, Glen – Air Force, 1985-1993
Brassfield, Earl Ray
Brewer, Del – Army, 1970-1972
Brisco, Floyd Grant – Air Force, E-4
Brisco, Gale – Air Force, 1956-1979
Britt, Charley – Army Quartermaster Corp, WWII
Bromley, Alicia M. – Air Force
Brooksher, Larry, Army Private
Brower, Kelly – Navy, Vietnam
Brown, Bill – Navy, MA2
Brown, Cameron H. – Marines, Vietnam
Brown Jr., Charles H. – Army, Vietnam
Brown Sr., Charles H. – Army
Brown, Clelie Rodney – Navy
Brown, Danny Marles – Navy
Brown, George Edgar – Army, Air Force
Brown, Guy Robert – National Guard, Spec. 4
Brown, Henry W. – Army E-4
Brown, Houston – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Brown, Jerry – Army WAC
Brown, Jerry L. – Navy
Brown, Jess F. – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Brown, Jimmie Ray – Army
Brown, Johnny Mack – Air Force (DECEASED)
Brown, Kennedy – Army
Brown, Larry – Navy
Brown, Leon – Army Sgt.
Brown, Lester – Army (DECEASED)
Brown, Louie – Army Sgt.
Brown, Milton – Air Force Sgt.
Brown, Monroe C. – Navy, S2, WWII (DECEASED)
Brown Jr., Otto – Army
Brown, Paul J.
Brown, Ray – Army, CPT E3
Brown, Richard L. – Air Force, Vietnam
Brown, Virginia – WWII WAC
Brown, Wade
Brown, Waymon M.
Brown, Wilson James – Army Air Force Reserve, WWII (DECEASED)
Browning, Bennie J. – Army (DECEASED)
Browning, George W. – Sgt. U.S. Army (DECEASED)
Browning, Joseph – Army
Browning, Kenneth D. – PFC, U.S. Army (DECEASED)
Browning, Samuel – Army/Air force/Navy
Browning, Winston M. – Lance Cpt. U.S. MC (DECEASED)
Browning, Zane – Army/Air force
Brumley, Leland – Army, 1968-1988
Brumley, Robert M. – USMC, WWII (DECEASED)
Brumley, Russell – Army Vietnam, E-4
Bruton, Scott Alan – Marines
Bryant, Billy F. –Army, Navy, Air Force
Bryant, James H.—Army WWII
Bryant, James Steven – Army, E-5 Sgt.
Bryant, Steve – Army, 1959-1966
Bryant, Tommy Lee – Air Force, Vietnam Era
Buchanan, Larry D. – Army, Vietnam
Buck, Diane – Air Force Reserves
Burch, Lee R. – Air Force (DECEASED)
Burkart, Bernard – Army, Sgt. E-5
Burke, Jeanmarie D. – Navy E6
Burkett, Gordon Willis – Air Force CWO-2
Burkett, Richard L. – Navy
Burkett, Robert O. – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Burkhart, Bernard – Army Sgt. E-5
Burks, Gannon – Army Staff Sgt., 1989-1994
Burks, Rocky A. – Air Force E-4 Vietnam Era
Burnett, Billy D. – Air Force, Captain Fighter Pilot WWII and Korea
Burney Jr., Clay P. – Army
Burris, Billy James (DECEASED)
Burris, Calvin Dewayne – Army, PFC
Burris, Christopher Kent – Army SPC, Iraq
Burris, Claude O. – Army, 1946-1982
Burris, David Lee – Army
Burris, Eson – Army WWI POW (DECEASED)
Burris, Gabriel – Army, E-4
Burris, Melvin – Army National Guard
Burris, Monroe
Burris, William – Army, 1985-1988
Burton, Richard E. – Army, 1970-1991
Buzzard, Debra – Army, 1977-1980
Byars, Coy Van – Air Force, Sgt.
Byars, Donald Ray – Marine Corps, Vietnam
Byars, Harrison
Byers, Bruce – Marines, Buck Sgt.
Byers, Jack – Army
Byers, Jerry Duane – Air Force Major
Byers, John Williams – Navy
Byers, Richard Lee – Marines
Byers, Sylvester
Bynum, Art –Army, Korean War
Bynum, Charles B. – Army National Guard (DECEASED)
Bynum, Joseph R. – Army Cpl., WWII
Bynum, Lola – Air Force, WWII
Bynum, Meredith T. – Navy, WWII
Bynum, Murle C. –Navy, Korean War
Bynum, Ray C. – Navy, WWII
Byrd, Roy Neal Jr. – Army
Cairns, David Bryan – Marines
Caldwell, Ireno – Army SP3
Campbell, Roy Lee – Army
Campbell, Thomas Lee – Army, SSG- E6
Capes, Bennie G. – Navy Boatsman Third, WWII Jan. 1941 - April 1945, Pacific (DECEASED)
Capes, David – Army, Korean War (DECEASED)
Capes, Robison – Army, Korean War (DECEASED)
Capes, Walter – Navy Sea Bees Seaman 1st Class
Caraway, Wayne – Army, WWII, Korean Conflict
Cardinal, Leo Jr. – Air Force Air 1st Class
Carmichael, Eric Ray – Marine Corps Sgt., 1992-1999
Carney, Johnny – Marine Corps
Carney, Von E. – Army, Korean conflict
Carpenter, George – Navy
Carroll, Frank Charles – Vietnam and Korean Conflict
Carroll, Jeffery Joe – Vietnam and Korean Conflict
Carroll, Joe – WWII
Carter, Charles Travis
Carter, Donald R. – Army
Carter, Franklin Delene – Army
Carter, George W. – Army, WWII, Korean Conflict
Carter, Steve – Air Force, Vietnam
Carter, V.C. – Marines Cpl.
Carter, Virgil Eugene – Marines Corporal (DECEASED)
Carter, Woodrow – Army / Navy 1st Class
Carvel, Alma – Navy
Cathcart, Billy W. – Air Force
Catoe, Rusty Colbert – Navy
Cease, Henry – Marine, Sgt. E-5
Chambers, Donald B. – Marines
Chambers, Donald B. II – Army
Chambers, John W. – Army
Chambers, John W. Jr. – Army
Chambers, Marcus A. – Army
Chandler, Larry Dale – Navy
Chapman, Lawrence David – Air Force, A2c E-3
Chase, Daniel Lee – Air Force
Chase, Grove Engleman – Navy, WWII
Chase, Kennen – Marines Vietnam Era
Chase, Richard – Marines, Vietnam Era
Chase, William
Cheadle, Overton M. "Buck" – Navy 1st Class Petty Officer (DECEASED)
Cheadle, Robert M. – Marines, Vietnam Era
Cheadle, Tammie
Childers, Leland – Army W-3
Christie, Aaron C. – Navy, CPO E7
Christie, Elmer T. – Army (DECEASED)
Christie, Franklin D. – Army E-5
Christie, Joseph – Army
Christie, Thomas E. – Navy, Vietnam Era
Clark, Clive C. – Marine Corps/Army, Vietnam (DECEASED)
Clark, David
Clark, Donald C.
Clark, Donald R. Korean Era (DECEASED)
Clark, Harlon – U.S. Coast Guard
Clark, James C. – Air Force
Clark, Jerry D. – Army
Clark, Leslie Dale – Navy (DECEASED)
Clark, Milton M. – Air Force Col., Legion of Merit and Bronze star
Clark, Samuel – Army, Vietnam
Clark Jr., Alex – Air Force
Clay, Donald
Clay, Kenneth
Clay, William J.
Clayton, David Leon – Air Force
Clifton, Richard W. – Army, 1966-1968
Clow, Angelique Estelle
Cobb, Andrew J. Jr. – Air Force
Cobb, Andrew J. Sr. – Army
Cobb, Gary R. – Air Force, Master Sergeant
Cobb, John G. – Army, SP6 E-6
Cobb, Paul R. – Army
Cobb, Robert E. – Navy E5
Cohee, Carson – Army Pvt. 1st Class
Cohee, Larry Eugene – Army, 1969-1971
Cohee, R. C. – Army E-7
Colbert, Bruce Ray – Army N.G. Spec. 5 Discharge
Colbert, Charles H. – Air Force
Colbert, Columbus Leon "Lee" – Army
Colbert, Dolphus "Doc" – Army, Air Force
Colbert, James – Marines E4
Colbert, James A. – Army
Colbert, Jessie – Navy
Colbert, Joshua – Army
Colbert, Martin
Colbert, Mary
Colbert, Murray
Colbert, Murray Dale – Army (DECEASED)
Colbert, Robin – Navy
Colbert, Thomas A. "Jack" – Army
Colbert, William Carl – Army
Colbert Jr., Walter John – Army
Colbert Sr., Walter John – Army
Cole, Derle – Army, Korean War
Cole, George – Army, WWII, Purple Heart
Cole, John – Air Force, 1965-1969
Cole, Sharon M. – Navy, 1958-1960
Cole, Wendel – Army, Vietnam
Colee, Larry E. – Army
Collins, Bill Max – Army
Collins, Cecil – Army National Guard
Collins, La Verne – Army/Air Force Lieutenant (DECEASED)
Collins, Leroy – Army
Collins, Virgil Cornelius – Navy
Colson, Thomas Miller Jr. – Navy, Marines
Connelly, John W. – Army Cpl., WWII
Connelly, R.E. – Army PFC Infantry
Connelly, William Ambrose – Army, WWI
Cook, Lemuel D. – Army
Cook, Stanley – Army, SGT E5
Cooper, Doyle – National Guard, PFC
Cooper, Thomas – Army, Desert Storm
Cooper, Tom – Army Sgt. 1st Class, Vietnam Era
Cooper, Warren G.
Couchman, Charles E. – Army
Couchman, Gene – Army
Courtney, Bennie – Army, Staff Sgt.
Courtney, Howard – Air Force
Courtney, William Brooks, Jr. – Navy (DECEASED)
Cox, David – Army, Vietnam
Cox, Lowell – Navy
Cox, Lyle – Navy, 1966-2001
Coyle, Cecil Carl – Army, Operation Enduring Freedom and Iraq
Coyle, Geronia Dale – Army, Vietnam
Coyle, Leslie – Army, 1967-1968
Coyle, RC. – Marines Cpl.
Crabb, Richard G. – Navy Lt. Commander
Crabbe, William – Army SP4, P, E-4
Crabtree, Roger – Air Force, 1972-2000
Craft, Alana
Cravatt, Lee
Cravatt, Munsy
Cravatt, Wayne
Craw, Darin A. – Navy
Crawford, Andrew Phillip – Army
Crawford, Dennis – Army
Crawford, Gerald E. – Army
Creggor, Don Everett – Air Force, 1966-1989
Crittenden, Gary Neal – Marine Corps Sgt. E-5
Crockett, Adolphus
Crockett, Ameiul A. – Army
Crockett, Bearl G. – Army
Crockett, Jackie H. – Navy, 1961-1963
Crockett, Jerry Lincoln – Army (DECEASED)
Crockett, Vaneus Virgil – Navy
Crockett, Virgil – Army
Crosby, James P. – Navy Seal (DECEASED)
Crossland, Claude A.
Crow, Lavoyd Lee – Air Force
Crow, Samuel Franklin – Air Force
Culbert, Cubby
Cumins, Eddy – Air Force
Cunatubby, Daniel – Army
Cunningham, Frank – Army
Cunningham, Otha Keel – Army SPC 3, 1954-1956
Cunningtubby, Joe – Navy, Radioman 3rd class
Curtis, Elmer – Navy, WWII
Dare, Jeff
Darter, Ralph – Army Pvt. 1st Class (DECEASED)
Davis, B.E.
Davis, Jeffrey
Davis, Kevin
Davis, Larry Neal – Marines
Davis, Michael A. – Navy
Davis, Randall E. – Army 716th MP BN
Davis, Russell – Army (DECEASED)
Davis, Samuel R. – Army, ST 4 E-4
Dawkins, Wallace – Army, WWII
DeGraff, George
Dempsey, John
Dennis, Zachary – Army, Afghanistan
Dickerson, Jim – Marines
Dickinson, Stanley O. – Marine Corps Raiders, WWII
Dillingham, Melvin – Army, SP4 E -4 T
Dooley, William Kingston – Navy
Drake, George – Navy, MR2
Drannon, Stanley
Driver, David C. – Air Force
Duckworth, Bill
Duckworth, Bobby – Army / Air Force, Civil Engineering, Retired Fire and Rescue Chief, Europe
Duckworth, Frankie – Air Force
Duckworth, Fritz – Army, Artillery, Eu-

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rope (DECEASED)
Duckworth, K. K. – Army / Merchant Marine, South Pacific (DECEASED)
Duckworth, Lonnie Chuck – Army Airborne (DECEASED)
Duckworth, Thomas W. – Army PFC, WWII-Europe (DECEASED)
Duckworth, Wiley J. – Army, WWI (DECEASED)
Duckworth, William Lamont – Army SP5, Vietnam (DECEASED)
Dunn, Billy Joe – Navy, Vietnam Era
Dunn, Mike – Army
Dunn, Raymond G. "Ray" – Army E-5
Dunning, Christy Sue
Durant, Albert – Army, WWII (In Germany)
Durant, Burney – Navy
Durant, Calvin Eugene – Army, WWII- Italy
Durant, Ethan – Army, Air Force, WWII (DECEASED)
Durant, Preman John – Army, WWI
Duston, Guy – USMC Cpl.
Duty, Clint
Duty, David-Marine
Dyer, Buck – Army (DECEASED)
Ebisch, James – Army
Ebisch, Lawrence Paul – Army, Pvt.
Ebisch, Raymond R. – Army, Korean Conflict
Ebisch, William R. – Army, WWII
Eddlemon, Dewey Lee – Army, Vietnam
Eddlemon, Jim – Air Force, 1954-1975
Edwards, Leon – Army, Korea
Edwards Jr., James M. – Navy
Egge, Valla Dee

Egge, Walter B. IV – Navy, Lt. Cdr. Supply Officer
Ehn, Morgan H. – Marine Corps, Iraq, Desert Storm
Elam, James H. – Army Staff Sgt., WWII
Elkins, James – Army NG
Elliot, John Cyrus
Ellis, John – Army E-4
Engle, David – Army Vietnam
Engles, Lynn V.
Essary, Tommy Wayne – Navy Enlisted and Officer, 1981-1989
Evans, Carl E. – Air Force, Vietnam
Farris, Amos
Farris, David Thomas
Farris, George Perrin
Farris, Joe Weldon
Farve, Okern – Army National Guard
Farve Jr., Emil – Army
Ferguson, Layton – Vietnam
Fillmore, Adam Jr. – Army, 1967-1969, E-4
Fillmore, John Warren – Army
Finnerty, Brett – Air Force
Fisher, Jean – Marines, Cpl.
Fleetwood Jr., Silas B. – Army , 1975-1981
Flowers, William – Army
Floyd, D. Rush
Flud, Clifford – Army
Folsom, Charles – Army
Foraker, Bob – Army National Guard

Foraker, Douglas A. – Air Force TSgt., Vietnam, Korea
Ford, Wm. Doug – Navy, WWII
Forguson, Tommie Lee – Army, PFCE 3(P)
Foster, Charles – Air Force, Sr. Master Sgt.
Foster, John – Army PFC, 1959-1965
Foster Jr., Milford Wayne – Navy, 1977-1981
Fowler, Edward R. – Air Force , Vietnam
Fowler, Kenneth – Air Force
Fowler, Roger Nicholas
Fowler, Shawn – Marine Corps

Fox, Larry Don – NG E-4
Fox, Lyndal – Army
Franks, Chris
Frazier, Bill – Marines Cpl.
Frazier, Dennis Jay – Navy E-3
Frazier, Harold
Frazier, Leonard Ray
Freeman, Charles Eugene – Navy, 1945-1946
Freeman, Dennis Eugene – Navy, 1966-1970
Freeman, John Wayne – Navy, 1969-1971
Freeny, Benjamin Clay – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Freeny, Bennett Lane – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Freeny, John Ellis – Army, Korean War (DECEASED)
Fryrear, Terry Burl – Army
Fulsom, Charles
Gabehart, Joseph – Army, WWII
Gabehart, Richard – Army, Vietnam
Gardner, H.D.
Gardner, Rogers H. – Navy
Garrett, Melvin
Garrison, Marvin Earl
Gaskell, Maryalice – Air Force
Gause, Jim – Navy E-5, Korea
George, Brian
Gerard, Linda Kay – Navy LTJG
Gibbonns, Casey – Army
Gibson, Don
Gibson, Herbert
Gibson, Lenard
Gilbert, Brad C., Jr. – Marine Corps
Gilmore, Owen – Coast Guard Boatsman 2nd Class
Gipson , Glenn – Army, Korea (DECEASED)
Gissel Jr., Lewis Henry – Army Captain, 1961-1963
Givens, Tim – Air Force, AB E-1 (P)
Glase, Danna Gail – Army Specialist 4th Class, 1974-1976
Glasgow, Harry E. – Air Force Lt. Col.
Glasgow, Robert H. – Air Force
Glenn, Scott Holland
Godfrey, James Gordon – Army
Goebel, Caleb – Air Force
Goforth, Bill – Army Staff Sgt. (DECEASED)
Goforth, Garth S. – Marines (DECEASED)
Goforth, Murray – Navy, Korea
Goforth, Paul C. – Navy (DECEASED)
Goforth, Tom F. – Air Force
Good Jr., Elmer – Nay Apprentice Seamen, M-1
Gooding, Norman Gene – Army (DECEASED)
Goodman, Charles Edward – OK NG 45th Division Cpt.
Goodman, Gene – Army
Goodman, Harvey
Goodman, Oscar – Army, Reserve
Goodman, Robert – Army
Goodman, Roger – Army
Goodwin, Billie, J. – Air Force
Gore, Dennis J. – Army
Gorman, Michael – Navy
Gorrell, Dixon – Marines Cpl.
Grace, Jackie C. – Navy Aviation AD2
Graff, David Wayne – Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class, Vietnam Era
Graff, Michael Lee – Army E-4
Graff, Thomas Dean – Navy 2nd Class Q.M., Vietnam Era
Grantham, John – Marines Sgt.
Green, Bill – USAF, 1965-1968
Green, Carlen – Army
Green, James T. – Army T-5, WWII
Green, Johnny
Green, Michael Dennis – Army
Green, Richard C. – USNR Aviation Electronics Technician E4, 1961-1967
Green, William B. – Air Force
Greenwood, Earl – Marines
Greenwood, Harvey A. – Air Force
Greenwood, Jack Ronnie – Marines
Greenwood, Leon V.
Greenwood, Marion – Army
Greenwood, Robert – Marines, Vietnam Era
Greenwood, Sim – Army Medic, WWII (DECEASED)
Greenwood, Virgil J.
Greer II, Todd D. – Navy OIE
Greer, Douglas
Greer, James R. – Navy
Greer, Todd Douglas – U.S. Marines, SSGT 1st Force Recon Rangers
Grellner, Thomas – Navy, 1985-2005
Griffin, Clyde F. – Army WWII
Griffin, John – Army
Grizzle, Dr. John Dale – Army
Grizzle, Robbie W. – Air Force Sgt.
Grizzle II, John Dale – Army, 1977-1980
Guardalibene, Charles – Army, Vietnam
Guess, Earnest – Air Force Sgt., WWII (DECEASED)
Guiou, Russell Alan – Army N.G.
Gunning, Robin R.
Gunter, Bobby Ray – Army

Gustafson, Alford V. Jr. – Army, 1945-1947
Guy, Douglas – Navy, 1955-1975
Haddock, Nicky M. – Navy
Haddock, Russell – Navy
Hagan, James F. – Army Sgt., Vietnam
Haggard, Darius Ray – Army
Halford III, Joseph Clyde – Navy, 1973-1976
Halsell, Thomas – Navy, E-3
Hamilton, Andris
Hamilton, Billy H. – Army, 1977-1980, E-4
Hamilton, Joseph
Hammon, Randy – Army
Hammond, Mark – Army Spc. 5 - Med Specialist
Hampton, Donald W. – Army, SP5
Hankey, Don Reid
Hansard, Robert G – Air Force, 1991-1996, SRA, Desert Storm / Desert Shield
Harlin Jr., James Belton – Air Force Cpt. (DECEASED)
Harp, Thomas Luke – Coast Guard
Harris, Benjamin – Army, E-5
Harris, Delos – Army, WWI (DECEASED)
Harris, Pauline (Hicks) – Army (WAC), Sgt.
Harris, Richard D. – Air Force Vietnam Era
Harris, Thurl Eugene – Army, Vietnam (DECEASED)
Harris Jr., Robert L. – Marine
Harrison, Jed Lewis
Harrison, Leonard Ray – Navy
Harrison, LeRoy – Army (DECEASED)
Harrison, Marion Parnell – Army/Navy
Harrison, Shad C. – Army
Harrison, William Jr. – Army
Hartline, James E. – Army SP-5, 1973-1977
Hartline, Frank L. – Marine Corps (DECEASED)
Hartwell, Edward – Army Sgt.
Hartwell, Joe F. – Army Cpl. 54th Div.
Hartwell, Porter – Army Cpl.
Harvey, Raymond – Army (DECEASED)
Hatcher, Charles
Hatton, J.B. – Army, SP-4
Hawkins, Jim – Air Force, 1977-1986
Hawkins, John R. – Air Force, WWII
Hawkins, Joseph C. – Army Pvt.
Hawkins, Kenneth – Vietnam Era (DECEASED)
Hawkins, Larry – National Guard (Major)
Hawkins, W.O. – Navy, WWII
Hawley, R. Michael – Navy
Hawley, Ronald W. – Army, Vietnam Era
Hayes, Don – Army
Hayes, Joseph W. – Navy/Army (DECEASED)
Hayes, Ron – Marine Corps
Hays, Ronny J. – Army, Vietnam, E-5
Hays, William – Army Spc. 4
Heald, Kenneth Dale – Air Force, Vietnam
Heath, Sandra Kay – Marines
Hefley, Earl William
Hefner, Joe Paul – Army National Guard, 1963-1969
Henderson Jr., Richard S. – Army and Air Force 1 Lt.
Hendricks, Cadian – Army (DECEASED)
Henry, Charles Earl – Marines, Cpl.
Henry, Terry F. – Army Retired Sergeant Major
Hensley, Harold – Navy Seaman 1st Class
Hensley, Jackie – Army Medical Corp Master Sgt.
Hensley, Ray – Army
Henson, Ivy – Navy Seaman 1st Class
Henson, Terry L. – Army, Vietnam
Herd, Bernie Lee – Army, Korea
Herman, Carolyn – National Guard, Desert Storm
Herrington, John B. – Navy, NASA Commander
Hestor, Billy D. – Army
Hestor, Cloise "Dean" – Army E-4
Hestor, Louis Joe Dean – Army
Hestor, Melton G. – Army PFC.
Hewett, Justin – NG
Hewett, Kyle - NG
Hibbert, Joshua C. – Air Force
Hickman, James – Army Lt.
Hicks, Ale F. – Army, Spec. 4th Class
Hicks, Deloyd – Navy TM 2
Hicks, Jack Walton
Hill, Andy O. – Army, 1987-2008, Sgt. 1st Class
Hill, Danny W. – Air Force, 1956-1958
Hill, Gene Edward – Army
Hiltbrunner, Boyd – Army, 1971-1979
Hilton, William L. – Navy
Hisaw, Charles
Hitchcock, Chester – Navy, AMHC E-7
Hitchcox, Chester – Marine
Hobbs, John – Army
Hodge, Britt – National Guard
Hodges, Gary Dale – Vietnam Era
Hodges, James Donald – Army
Hogan, Kenneth – Navy
Hogland, Thomas H. – Army
Holcomb Jr., Santana Beaver – Army, 1975-1978
Holden, Kenneth
Holder, Johnson
Holland, Gerald Joseph (DECEASED)
Holland, Robert – Army, PVT E2 (P)
Hollopeter, Wiley – Navy, Vietnam
Hollopeter, Wolf – Army, Vietnam
Holmes Jr., Charles P. – Navy, Korea
Holt, Gale B. – Merchant Marines, WWII
Holt, Jimmy E. Jr. – Army
Holt, Jimmy E. Sr. – Army WWII
Homer, Edgar – Army, 1967-1969
Homer Jr., Homer G. – Army
Hopkins, Lloyd George – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Horne, Donnie S.
Horton , Adrian U. – Army, 1970-1980
Horton, John W. – Army (DECEASED)
Horton , Larry – Army, Vietnam
Hough, Patrick

Howard, Gerald
Howard, John Stephen – Marine Corps
Howard Sr., Charles E. – Air Force
Howe, James H. – Navy
Howland, Aaron – Army
Huff, Jerry David – Army
Huffuss, Jerry
Hughes, Wiley
Humes, James A. – Navy, Chief Petty Officer (DECEASED)
Humphrey, Christopher – Army Reserves
Hunter, Arlington – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Hurley, Gerald G. – Air Force
Hurley, Joel Patrick – Army
Hurley, Virgil E. – Army Air Corp, Cpl., WWII (DECEASED)
Hurley, William D. – Army Air Corp Cpl. (DECEASED)
Husted, Paul Rance – Army, Cpl. E-4
Hyden, Preston – Marines
Imotichey, Charles W. – Army, WWII, Purple Heart
Imotichey, Everett Roy – Marine Corps, Vietnam
Imotichey, Edward – Army Private, Korea
Inmon, Regina Bond – Air Force
Irons (Mullins), Betty – Air Force
Ivey, Jimmy
Ivey, Lonny D. – Army
Ivey, Ronald D. – Air Force, Vietnam Era
Jack, Billy – Navy
Jack, Bruce – Navy
Jack, Walter J. – Army, SSG E-6
Jackson, Danny – Marines, L/Cpl.
Jackson, Floyd - Korean War (DECEASED)
Jackson, Reynolds H. – Marines
Jackson, Stonewall
James A. Howard – Army PFC
James, Alvin – Army PFC 1st Class, Vietnam, Korean wars
James, Bradford D. – Army
James, Gary W. – Army National Guard
James, Gilbert W. – Navy
James, Jesse – Air Force
James, Jimmy
James, Overton – Navy
James, Ronnie – Army, E-4
James, William – Coast Guard
Jefferson, Douglas K. – Oklahoma National Guard, 1979-1983, PFC
Jefferson, Gene – Marine, Vietnam
Jefferson, M.E. – Marine Corps
Jennings, Daniel
Jennings, Harold R. – Navy, WWII
Jennings, Jimmy – Army, 1957-967
Jennings, John Douglas – Army (DECEASED)
Jennings, Lee T. – Army
Jennings, Murriel – Army, Korea
Jennings, Richard Dorsey
Jennings, Robert – Army, WWII
Jimmy, William
Johnson, Bobby L. – National Guard, 1964-1968
Johnson, Brian
Johnson, Calvin – Army Pvt. 1st Class
Johnson, Elvis – Army, Persian Gulf 101st AB
Johnson, George – National Guard Staff Sgt.
Johnson, James Air Force T Sgt.
Johnson, Joe
Johnson, Lonnie Dale – Army, Sgt. E-5
Johnson, Ramsey – Army, 1958-1959
Johnson, Rudy – Army , 1993-1996
Johnson, Rusty L. – Navy, Desert Storm
Johnson, Stanley Gene – Air Force, TSGT E-6
Johnson, Thomas D.

Johnson, Victory E. – Army Pvt.
Johnson Jr., Freddie Lee – Ok. Army NG
Johnston, Jackie – Air Force Staff Sgt. , 1951-1959
Johnston, Jerry M.
Johnston, Orin
Johnston, Ralph Colbert – Army

Johnston, Richard E. – Army
Johnston, William C. – Army WWII
Jones, Billy L. – Air Force
Jones, Charles Lee
Jones, Danny – Marines, 1995-1999, 3rd Battalion 5th Marines, E-5
Jones, Doug – Air Force
Jones, Johnny Lee – Army, Sp4 E-4
Jones, Michael Dean – Marine Corps (DECEASED)
Jones, Purman – Army, 1960-1962
Jones, Richard M. – Navy, Airman
Jones, William (Dub) F. – Army Air Corp, WWII (DECEASED)
Jones, William B. – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Jones Jr., William A. – Marine Corps, 1982-1986
Jopling, Richard

Jordan, Jeffrey – Army PFC-E3
Jordan, Billy G. – Navy, Vietnam
Jordan, Jack – Air Force
Jordan, James Grady (DECEASED)
Jordan, Jimmy – Navy, YN-3 E-4
Joyce, John
Kale, Carroll Wayne – Army, Berlin Crisis, Korean War, Vietnam Era (DECEASED)
Kale, Claywood D. – Navy, WWII
Kale, Douglas – Army Bermuda Base Command Sergeant
Kale, Henry A Jr. – Army, Korean War
Kale, Jack C. – Navy, WWII
Kale, Kenneth M. – Navy, Korean War
Kale, Wilson – Army
Kassinger, William Foster – Army
Keel, Ben B. Jr. – Air Force
Keel, Brian E. – Army
Keel, David Stenson – Marine
Keel, Donald Lewis – National Guard, 1970-1976
Keel, Douglas – Army
Keel, Franklin
Keel, George S. – Army (DECEASED)
Keel, Jefferson – Army, Vietnam Era
Keel, Leland –Army, Korea
Keel, Lewellyn – Air Force Sgt.
Keel, Lewis Gibson – Navy, WWII
Keel, Owen
Keel, Tommy – Army, Vietnam Era
Keenan, Thompson – Navy, Airman 3rd
Kelley, Mark Owens – Navy, Iraq
Kelley, Robert
Kelso, Mark
Kellner, David – Army, 1972-1976
Kemp, Charles H. – Air Force

Kemp, Eli
Kemp, Harry
Kemp, Joe Carr – US Army, World War II and the Korean War
Kemp, Joe F.
Kemp, Joseph E. – Army Air Corps
Kemp, Mark L. – Army
Kemp, Raymond H. – US Army, World War I
Kemp, Robert – Army, 1957-1959
Kennedy, Elmer Curtis – Navy, WWII
Kennedy, Patrick – Navy
Kennedy, William D. – Navy, WWII
Kerr, Dale E. – Army, SP (T) E-5
Kerr, David W.
Kidd, William – Marine Corps, 1973-1985
Kilcrease, Floyd Lee Jr. – Army
Kilcrease, Floyd Lee Sr. – Army
Kilcrease Jr., Lloyd – Navy E5
Kilcrease, Samuel – Air Force
Kirby, Joe – Navy, Vietnam
Klaas, Amy Catherine – Air Force
Klaas, Brian E. – Army
Kline, Tommy – Navy, WWII
Kimberlin, Dave – Navy
Kincaid, Robert Louis Jr. – Navy, Vietnam
Kincaid, Robert Louis – Navy, WWII
Kincaid, Roy Sullivan – Air Force
King, Devin – Army
Kinnebrew, James
Kinney, James – Navy, Aviation Tech, 3rd Class
Kinney, Mack – Army Sgt.
Kirby, Joe W. – Navy, Equipment Operator Chief (EOC), Vietnam
Kirby, Ronald Glenn – Marines, Cpl.
Kiser, Gary – Army National Guard, E-6
Kiser, William Charles – Marines
Kissee, Michael James – Marines OEF/OIF
Knight, James L. –Army Lt. Col
Knight, Tom D. – Air Force Tech. Sgt.
Knox, Kevin G. – Navy Retired Senior Chief Petty Officer
Krebbs, Ralph Odell
Krips, Gregory S. – Navy, 1976-1997, E6
Kusler, James P. – Army, E-4
Lacy, William Hershel – Air Force
Lair, Donald – Navy, USN
LaJaye, Lance – National Guard
Lake, Larry G. – Army
Lamark, Alicia M. – Air Force
Lampkin, Billy Dean – Army Sgt.
Lampkin, Hubert Ira – Navy, Korea
Lampkin, Kerry D. – Army, 2004-2008, E4
Lampkin, Robert – Navy
Lampkin, William W. – Navy
Lance, Glenn – Navy WWII
Landreth, Dewey W. – USMC, WWII and Korea
Landreth, Knute – Army - WWII, Korea and Vietnam (DECEASED)
Landreth Jr., Knute – Army, Vietnam
Landreth, Robert Z. – USMC, WWII and Korea (DECEASED)
Lang, James

LIST OF CHICKASAW VETERANS

Langley, Donald – Army, Pvt. E-1
Lasite, Billie E. – Navy
Latta, George Aric – Army
Latta, Harold D. – Army (DECEASED)
Latta, Lee Allen – Navy Lt., WWII
Lattie, James – Marines, Vietnam
Laughlin, Tommy Eugene
Lawrence, Robert D. – Navy ET-3, 1961-1966
Lawson, Adam – Air Force
Lawson, Benny – Army Sgt. (DECEASED)
Lawson, Fred – Army
Lawson, Lonnie R. Jr. – Air Force
Lawson, Udale – Air Force, 2nd Lt.
Laxson, Eugene – Coast Guard
Lea, Donald R. – USAFMaster Sergeant
Leader, Billy F. – Marines
Leader, Cecil J. – Army
Leader, Charles Dean – Air Force
Leader, Danny K. – Army
Leader, James Lee – Marine Corps, Korea
Leader, Rick – Army
Lee, Theodore Rosevelt – Army
Lee, Robert Earl – Army, Vietnam
Lenertz, George – Navy, LTJC 0-2
Lenertz, John – Navy
Leslie, Glen Leon – Army Korean Conflict (DECEASED)
Leslie, Harvey L. – Army (DECEASED)
Leslie, J.D. – National Guard (DECEASED)
Leslie, John Floyd – Air Force (DECEASED)
Leslie, Orel – Army (DECEASED)
Leslie, Tommie Charles – Army (DECEASED)
Lewis, Gary H. – Army, PFC E3
Lewis, Royal P. Jr. – Air Force, 1st LT (DECEASED)
Liddell, Billy
Liddell, Charles P.
Liddell, Murray K. – Air Force M S g t , 1978-1990
Liebl, Vernie
Little, Don Ed
Little, Shelby K. – Army Colonel
Lockwood, Billy Mark – Army, Vietnam
Loften, David
London, Clyde C. – Air Force, Vietnam-Korea (retired)
London, Eli – Army
London, Gary – Army
London, Jeremiah – Army
London, Larry – Navy
London, Murphy Lee – Army
Longacre, J.C. – Air Force (DECEASED)
Looney, Brandon J. – Army CPT
Looney, Donald – Army
Looney, Hal Aldrich – Air Force, WWII-Pilot, Ret. Major
Looney, Victor N. – Army Colonel
Looney, Victor Nedd Sr. – Air Force (DECEASED)
Love, Donald G. – Navy, E5
Love, Lester – Marines PFC
Love, Lorne Doyle – Army, 1953-1955
Love, Richard – Army, Vietnam
Love, Rici G. – Air Force
Lowrance Jr. Oscar – Coast Guard
Lowrance, Bill – Navy, E-9 Master Chief
Lowrance, Charles – Army (DECEASED)
Lowrance, Millard F. – Army, WWII/Korean Conflict Cpt. (DECEASED)
Lyda, Dottie R. ¬¬– Army, Desert Storm
Lyda, Tommy
Lyon, James – Navy, Vietnam
MacDonald, George Daniel – Army
Maidt Jr., Albert D.
Malaney, Dennis – Army
Malaney, Jerry – Army
Manos, Michael – Army, Desert Storm
Marler, Loretta – Navy SA
Marris, Charles – Air Force
Marris, Henry III – Army
Marris, John W
Marsh, Ray – Army, Desert Storm
Marshall, Richard D.
Martin, Gary D. – Army, SP4 (P) E-4
Mason, Roy A. – Army
Massey, Ben W. – Army, WWI
Matthews, Jack – Army
Matthews, John C. – Army (DECEASED)
Matthews, P.L. – Navy
Maupin, Stephen – Air Force
Maupin, Tony – Air Force
May, Roland E. – Army
Mayes, Harmon A., Sr. – Air Force
Mayors, Harmon A., Sr. – Air Force
Maytubby, Benny – Army
Maytubby, Bill J. – Navy, RD-3
Maytubby, Bryon L. – Army Air Force, WWII (DECEASED)
Maytubby, David Allen
Maytubby, Lymon – Army, CPT 0-3 (DECEASED)
Maytubby, Melvin – Navy
Maytubby, Monroe E. – Army, WWII, PFC
Maytubby, Morris E.
Maytubby, Samuel Winchester
Maytubby, William Dudley (DECEASED)
McAlester, James – Army, Spec. 4
McCarter Jr., Fred L. – Navy, 1962-1982
McClelland, Bradley Leon – Navy, Army Reserves
McClure, David A. – Navy WWII
McClure, Duane – Army
McClure, Jimmy D. – Army, Vietnam
McClure Joseph "Joe" – Army (DECEASED)
McClure, Steve – Army, 1965-1967
McCormick, Kenneth Don – Army, SP. 4
McCormick, Nicky – Navy – Seaman 1st Class
McCurry, Donna – Army Sergeant, Desert Storm
McCurtain, Carrol – Army
McCurtain, Charles R. – Army
McCurtain, James C. – Army Pvt. E1
McCurtain, Lynn – Army
McDaniel, J.D. – Navy, 1957-1962
McDonald, Alma Ellen (Carvel) – Navy
McDonald, George Daniel – Army
McDonald, James Wendell – Army (DECEASED)
McDonald, Larry D.
McDonald, Thurman
McGee, Lloyd – Army
McGranahan, Charles – Army
McGranahan, Mitchell – Army, Sp 3
McGranahan, Paul – Army
McKee, Donald
McKee, Johnnie
McKee, William Franklin
McKellop, Cody Kim – Army, 1969-1972
McKellop. Louie W. (DECEASED)
McKinney, Ralph Doak – Army, WWII, Korean Conflict, Col., West Point Graduate
McKoy, George Colbert – Fighter Pilot, WWII (DECEASED)
McKoy III, John H. – Army
McLaughlin, Joe C. –Army
McLean, Homer D. – Army, 1957-1960
McLellan, Carolyn – Army
McNeely, William C.
Mead, Billy – Army, 1953-1979
Medrano, Tiffany
Meeks, Billy N.
Meeks, Kevin D. – Army NG
Meister, Brett A. – Marines, Helibourne Assault, Cpl., OEF/OIF
Mellor, William Bruce - Army Korea 40th Infantry Division (DECEASED)
Melville, Newton – Navy
Metzger, Steven – Army
Milks, Keith Alan – Marine Corps Master Sergeant, Afghanistan and Iraq
Miller, Alex Hugh – Army, 1968-1970
Miller, Bobby Jack – Navy
Miller, Bobby William
Miller, Cain B. – Army (DECEASED)
Miller, Colson Thomas Jr. – Navy
Miller, David Weston – Army, Vietnam
Miller, James Lewis – Army Pvt. 1st. Class
Miller, Mike T. – Army National Guard, E-5
Miller, Patrick Henry – Army
Miller, Paul Hugh – Army (DECEASED)
Miller, Robert – Navy,
Miller, Robert James – Army
Miller, Tom – Navy Fleet Marine Force Corpsman
Milligan, Lonnie – Marine Corp Lance Corporal, Vietnam
Milligan, Ted – Air Force, 1955-1961
Minnett, John B. – Air Force, Korean Conflict, 1 Lt.
Mitchell, Billie Louise – Army
Mitchell, Clayton – Army
Mitchell, Hershell – Marines
Mitchell, Jay – Army National Guard Chief Warrant Officer
Mitchell, Jerry – Army
Mitchell, Michael E. – Army Major
Mitchell, V.D. – Marines – Gunnery Sgt. (DECEASED)
Mobley, Gordon E. – Army, Vietnam, Sgt.
Mole, Gaylord
Monroe, Leonard W.
Moody, Donald – Army, Cpl.
Moody, Steven D. – Army, 1979-1985
Moore, Alexander K. – Air Force Reserve / Marine
Moore, Bill Zack – U.S. Marines Corps, Captain
Moore, Bonnie Durant
Moore, Denver Victor- Navy
Moore, Eddy – Marines, PFC
Moore, Flying Clouds – Navy, SA
Moore, James D. – Army
Moore, Joseph Michael – Navy, AMH3-E4
Moore, Kenneth
Moore, Merle E. – Air Force
Moore, Robert E. – Army, Berlin crisis
Moore, Tommy L.
Moore, Victor Ray – Air Force E-5
Morgan, Doyle Lane – Army
Morr, Howell – Army
Morris, Aubrey Ned – Air Force
Morris, Louie – Navy, Seaman 1st Class
Morris, Steven E. – Army, Vietnam Era
Morris, William E. – Navy, Vietnam Era
Mose, Dorsey – Army (WWII)
Mullins, James Douglas – Army, Korea
Mullins, Linda Marie – Air Force
Murray, Massena B. – National Guard Colonel, WWII and Korea (DECEASED)
Murray, Richard – Air Force, 1961-1965
Murray, William L. – Air Force
Murrell, Ronald C. – Army
Mutz, David Wayne – OK National Guard Air Force
Mutz, Louis
Nail, Alton – Air Force/Naval Reserve , 1974-1979; 1981-1994
Nail, Aaron Monroe – Army- Air Force, WWII (DECEASED)
Nance, Rex G. – Navy WWII
Nave, Jack R. – Air Force, M.Sgt.
Neal, Mouzon, E. – Army, WWII
Neal III, Oliver B.
Neasbitt, John Talley – Army (DECEASED)
Ned, David Elwin – Army
Ned, Morris Ridgely – Army
Ned, William – Navy E-5
Nelson, Floyd Jr. – Army
Nelson, Franklin – Army
Nelson, James – Navy (DECEASED)
Nelson, Kenneth – Marines (DECEASED)
Nelson, Lloyd B. – Army (DECEASED)
Nelson, William E.
Neumeister, Don
Neumeyer, Matthew P. – Army Company Cmdr.
Newberry, Lewis D. – Marine Corps, 1950-1970
Nichols, Joseph Lyle – Marine Corps, 2001-2011
Nichols, Michael – Navy, Vietnam
Nichols, Orean – Air Force, E-8
Nichols, Richard L. – Navy and Army Reserve
Nichols, Robert – Coast Guard, WWII
Norman, Harley Curtiss – Navy, Korea
Norman, J.D. – Army/Navy, GM2/MSG
Norman, Weldon Eugene – Army – 1st Class
Norris, Ethan – Army
North, Elmo C.
Northcutt, Billy Harrell – Air Force, Airman 1st Class
Northcutt, Darrell
Norton, Fred Jr.
Norton, Joe Allen – Army N.G.
Norton, Walter M. – Air Force, A2c E-3
Norvell, Glynn – Army Sgt.
Norvell, John H. – Army SP-4
Norvell, Perry – Marines Pvt.
Nowlin, Gary – Army, 1978-1983
Nowlin, Mary E. – Navy, 1967-1969
Nowlin, Phillip – Army
Nowlin, Raymond L. – Army, WWII
Nowlin, Steve – Army, 1977-1995
Orphan, Levi – Army Airborne Master Sgt.
Orphan, Ray – Marines OEF/OIF
Orphan, Rita – Navy E-3
Orr, Howell M.
Orr, Joe R. – Army SFC
Ortega, Timothy
Ortiz, Jeremy F. – Air Force
Ott, Johnson D. – Marine Corps
Ott, Manuel – Navy, 1973-1977
Owens, Benny – Air Force Private
Owens, Billy Gene – Army, 1977-1979
Owens, Frank – Army PFC (Aircraft)
Owens, John Lewis – Army (DECEASED)
Owens, Olen B. – Navy
Owens, Rebecca – Navy
Owens, Richard – Army, Sp4 E-4
Palmer, Edward A. – Army, 1971-1991, E-5
Palmer, Frank B. Jr. – Army, Vietnam, E5
Palmer, Frank Benjamin – Army
Pannell, Ted L. – Army, Vietnam
Parker, Luis – Army, Korea
Parker, Ron – USMC Sgt.
Parker Jr., John Westley – Navy
Parks, Ignacio (Nacho) M. – Navy, Desert Storm
Parks, K.C. Jr. – Marines, Vietnam
Parks, Leo – Army, Vietnam
Parnacher, Floyd – Navy Apprentice
Parnell, Ewing, Jr. – Air Force, Senior Airman, Korean Conflict
Parra, Shelia (Taylor) – Air Force, 1989-2009, Afghanistan
Paschall, Perry A. Jr. – Army Vietnam Era
Pate, Homer – Air Force E6, 1950-1964
Pate, Romme J. – Army Sgt., Vietnam
Patrick, Kyle David
Patrick, Carl Hugh – Navy, Desert Storm
Patton, Johnny Boyd – Air Force
Patton, Leroy James – Navy
Paul, Homer – Marine Corps, Korea and Japan
Paul, Joseph – Navy, SN
Paul, Larry J. – USMC Bronze Star
Paul, Stephen S. – Marines
Paul, Tommy Allen – Army
Paul, William D. – Marine Corps, Vietnam
Paul, William G. – Marines
Payne, Jerry C. – Navy
Percival, Harold – Army, SP5 E5
Percival, Howard – Navy CB 2nd Class (DECEASED)
Perkins, David Lynn – Army
Perkins, James – Army
Perriman, Laurence Ralph
Perry, Albert Jr.
Perry, Jim – Army S-4 Sgt.
Perry, Lee Roy – Army N.G.
Perry, Norman F.
Perry, Sequoyah
Perry, Wayne
Pershica, Jerry Lee – Army National Guard, SGT. Major
Pershica, M.F. – Army Private Combat Engineer
Pettenridge, Charlie Watson – Army, 1966-1968
Pettigrew, Brian
Pettigrew, Robert
Pettigrew, Thomas Allen Caston – Marine Pvt.
Pettigrew, William – Air Force Cpl.
Phillips, Raymond – Army, Vietnam
Pich, Charles P. – Army
Pich, David – Army
Piche Sr., Clyde J. – Army, 1962-1965
Pickens, Arti Lee – Army, Vietnam
Pickens, Dave – WWI (DECEASED)
Pickens, Dexter – Army, Gulf War
Pickens, John Thomas – Marine Corps, Korea (DECEASED)
Pickens, Lawrence M. – Air Force, Korea
Pickens, Monica Alicia – Army
Pickens, Patrick S. – Army, OEF/OIF
Pickens Sr., Philip – Army, Vietnam
Pickens, Robert F. – Army (DECEASED)
Pickens, Samuel Thomas – Army, Korea
Pickens, Sherman Craig – Navy
Pickens, Vernell – Army, Vietnam
Pickens Griffin, Angelia B. – Air Force, 1976-1996
Piearcy, Samuel – Army
Pike, Bennie A. – Army, Vietnam
Pitchlynn, Peter Paul – Army Captain, WWII (DECEASED)
Pitchlynn, Robert – Marines, WWII (DECEASED)
Pittman, Kenneth – Army PFC
Pittman, Robert J.
Poe, David – National Guard Staff Sgt.
Poe, J.C. – National Guard
Polk, Tommy Dean
Ponder, Anthony
Postoak, Stephen D. – Air Force (DECEASED)
Poteat, James Michael – Army
Potts, Justin
Potts, Joel
Potts, Joseph – Marine Corps
Powell, Cecil Coy – Army
Powell, Clifford Alan – Army Spc. 4
Powell, George Edward – Navy, Vietnam
Powell, George Edward – Army, WWII
Powell, Joel Preston, Sr. – Army
Powell, John Blair – Air Force
Powell, Johnny Thomas – Navy
Powell, Kenneth Eugene – Air Force
Powell, Leo – Army WWII
Powell, Lloyd
Powell, Robert David – Army
Powell, Robert Lynn – Army Spc. 4
Powell, Roy Bert
Powell, Scott T. – Marine Corps, 1958-1962
Powell, Vernon Ellis – Air Force
Price, Larry J. – Navy, Vietnam
Price, Guy Wayne – Navy, WWII (DECEASED)
Price Jr., Theron – Navy/ Army Major, WWII and Korea
Puller Jr., Jackson – Army Sgt.
Puller, John – Army Tech 5th 2nd Division
Pulliam, Elliott – Army PFC
Pulliam, Marvin – Army E-4
Quick, David Thomas – Air Force
Quincy, W.W. (Bill) Jr. – WWII
Ragland, Walter A. – Army, 1966-1968, E-5
Rainner, Charles
Ramsey, Tecumseh Elvis Dee – Army Staff Sgt.
Randolph, Robert Mayberry – Navy served w/Marines, 1954-1958
Rankin III, Hugh Bennett – Air Force
Ratliff, John (DECEASED)
Ray, Brian Wade – Navy
Ray, Casey A. – Army National Guard, Sgt.
Ray, Ernest R.
Ray, Jerry Max – Army, Vietnam (DECEASED)
Ray, Joseph
Ray, Scott
Ray, Todd R. – Air Force, MSgt.
Ream IV, Robert L. – Navy
Ream, Robert Lee V. – Navy, SSMT 3rd Class
Reams, Terri – Air Force ANG
Ream, Vinnie – Air Force Master Sergeant (DECEASED)
Reams, Teresa
Reed, Michael – Army
Reed, Paul – Army, Korea
Reeder, Charles A. – Army, 88th Infantry Div., COF 351st Regiment, WWII –POW (DECEASED)
Reich, Dana – Army
Renfro, Gary – Army, 1967-1969
Reynolds, Walter Ray – Army
Reynolds, Walter – Army, Korea and WWII (DECEASED)
Rice, Jeffrey James – Army
Rice, Bill – Marine Corps, Korea
Rich, Perry – Marines
Richards, Charles R. – Army VetCorp Sgt.
Richardson, Johnny – Army - Private
Riddle, Ernest G. – Army NCO
Rider, Anthony "Tony" – USMC
Rider, Arnold
Rider, D.B. – Navy, Recruit
Rider, Larry D. – Air Force, A/3C
Ridgeway, John C. – Army
Ridley, Jerry Kenneth – Army, Korea
Riegel Icey, Rose Lee – Marine Corps
Riggs, Darral Wayne – Navy
Ring, Ronald D. – Marines
Ringer, Charles – Navy, 1967-1971
Risdon, Raygon L. – Navy, WWII
Risdon, Ronald D. – Navy, GMG2 E-5
Rivas, Franklin – Air Force Staff Sgt., Korea
Roark, Donald – Army/Air Force, 1955-1967; 1977-1990
Roark, Kevin – Army, 1982-1986
Roberts, Brenda
Roberts, Charles Allen – Navy, E-8
Roberts, H.D. – Air Force, 1968-1969
Roberts, Hubert Dennis Jr. – Air Force
Roberts, Roger – Army
Robinson, Robert Timothy – Army Chief Warrant Officer, Vietnam
Rochelle, Wendell K. – National Guard
Rodden, Jimmy – Army
Rodke, Chris
Rodke, David Lawrence – Army (DECEASED)
Rodke, David Sterling – Navy (DECEASED)
Rodke, Larry Russel – Navy (DECEASED)
Rodke, Perry Colbert – Army, Air Force (DECEASED)
Rodke, Phillip Michael – Air Force (DECEASED)
Rodke, R.B.
Rodke, Scott Patrick – Army
Rogelio, Raymond – National Guard
Rogers, Beverly – Navy
Rogers, Roger – Army
Roller, Gerald Quinton – Army, 1967-1969
Roller, Greg – U.S. Coast Guard
Rolin, Roy – WWII, Korean
Ross, Bob Ray – Army Sgt.
Ross, David – Army
Ross, Herman Wilson – WWI Pacific (DECEASED)
Ross, John
Rowe, James B. – Army, PFC (DECEASED)
Rushforth, Durward – Army, 1965-1986
Russell, Cecil – Army, National Guard
Russell, Michael Wayne – Army, 1990-2007
Russell, Leonard E. – Air Force MSgt
Saiser, Richard W. – Air Force, Captain
Saiser, Richard R. – Air Force FAC-interpreter, Vietnam Era
Sanders, Steven Jess – Navy
Sanders, James –Army E4, Vietnam
Sanders, Larry Ray – Army Command Sergeant Major, Vietnam (DECEASED)
Sanders, Michael Edward – Marine Corps
Sands, Johnny Ray – Army
Saxon, Alice – Air Force
Schaff, Eric A. – Army
Schaff, Mark A. – Army
Schwartz, Justin C. – USMC Sgt., Afghanistan
Scoggin, Henry B. – Staff Sgt. WWII (DECEASED)
Scoggins, Joe E.
Scott, Bill – Army, Korean War
Scott, Carter – Army, Korean War
Scott, Jamie – Air Force
Scott, Jimmie – Army Reserve Major

LIST OF CHICKASAW VETERANS

Scribner, James – Army, Cpl.
Scribner, James L. – Army, E7 1st Engineers Arctic Division
Scribner, Theodore (Ted) – Army, 1964-1985
Sealey, Gerald – Navy E-5
Sealey, Lenard
Seay, Howard L., Jr. – Navy (DECEASED)
Seeley, Alonzo – Army, WWI (DECEASED)
Seeley, Ben – Army (DECEASED)
Seeley, Bernie – Army SSG
Seeley, Emmitt – Army, WWII (PFC)
Seeley, Joseph Booth – Army Sgt., WWII (DECEASED)
Seeley, Leon – Army, WWII
Seeley, Leslie – Marines
Seeley, Ottwell – Navy
Seeley, Walton – Army
Seeley, Wylie – Navy
Seely, Dwight – Army, 1959
Sellers, Thea Julaine – Air Force
Sessions, Wayne
Sharpe, Mack – Marines
Shavney, Beulah – Army
Shaw, Bobby Gene – Army, Vietnam
Shearer, Philip Rannel – Army N.G.
Sheffield, Richard – Army
Sheppard, James – Air Force
Shico, Charles James Sr. – National Guard (DECEASED)
Shico, Donald – Vietnam Era (DECEASED)
Shields, Brandon – Army
Shields, Charles – Army (DECEASED)
Shields, Homer – Army, 1961-1965
Shiosee, Seddie – Army National Guard
Shiosee, Stevie – Army
Shipman, D.C. – Army, WWII
Shipman, Floyd – T-5
Shipman, Gail Scott – Air Force, WWII
Shipman, Thad – Air Force (DECEASED)
Shrock, Herbert – Air Force
Simms, Barry R. – Army, Infantry instructor, Korean era, 1 Lt.
Simms, Thomas S. – Marines, Major, Korean conflict
Sisson, Robert – Navy, AE1
Slater, Michael
Smith, Brian – Air Force
Smith, Calvin C.
Smith, Donald L. – Marines, SSGT
Smith, Donny Howard – Army, Private E-1
Smith, E.R. Jr. – Army, WWII – Korean War
Smith Jr., Floyd – Army, Sgt.
Smith, Floyd W. – Army, Sp-4
Smith, Frank – Marines
Smith, Harris Stephen II
Smith, Helen E.
Smith, Jack Lee – Army, Sgt.
Smith, James E. – Army, E-5
Smith, Kennith Ray – Army, Korea
Smith, Kenneth W. – Army, Korea
Smith, Larry – Army
Smith, Michael
Smith, Stanley E. – Army
Smith, Tom – Navy, 1964-1968
Snider, Elisha Jeremy – Army
Snyder, Brian Karl – Army Artillery, Vietnam Era
Snyder, Clifford Gene – Army 504th MP Battalion, Vietnam Era
Somers, Doyle Eugene – Air Force E8
Soto, Jimmie – Marines
Souders, Robert
Sparks, Jerry
Speaks, Sterling Silver Jr. – Army, SP4
Sperry, Clarence E. – Navy Petty Officer
Sperry, Joe Frank – Navy Petty Officer
Sperry, Robert D. – Marine
Spivey, Hubert Girwood (H.G.) – Army
Spivey, James Bryan – Navy Seaman, Korea
Spradlin, Joshua P. – Navy Master of Arms Seaman Apprentice
Spradling, Jason – Army, Persian Gulf
Springman, Mark – Army
Squires, Bruce – Army
Squires, David A. – Army
Squires, Richard E. – Marines
Stafford, Carlos Russell
Stafford, Carlos R., Sr. – Navy
Stafford, Shawn W. – Army
Stanley, Jerry – Army, SGT (T)
Staton, Doug – Air Force, 1964-1965, Sgt.
Staton, Jesse D. – Air Force, Vietnam
Stephens, James R. – Navy (DECEASED)
Stephens, Theea – ONG (Activated-OEF/OIF)
Stephenson, George L. – Air Force/Navy
Stephenson, Thomas, – Air Force
Stevens, James
Stevenson, Charles – Army/USAF
Steward, Chris
Stewart, David
Stewart, Sheri R. – Air Force
Stick, Martin – Marine Corps, Vietnam
Sticks, Russell R. – National Guard (DECEASED)
Still, Jessie Lee
Still, Joel
Stinson, Albert J. – Sgt. U.S. Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Stinson, Felix C. – T-5 U.S. Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Stinson, Jeff – Army
Stogner, Charles H. II
Stout, David Ray – Army, Vietnam
Stout, Herman
Straughn, Barry Vernon – Air Force
Straughn, Garry – Army
Straughn, Marlin – Air Force
Straughn, Paul L.
Strickland, J.W. – Navy
Strong, Charles Richard – Army, Private E2
Strong, John Ralph – Air Force,
Strong, Thomas Anthony – Army, Private
Strong, William Robert – Army, Major
Stuart, H. Elvin – Marine, Vietnam Era
Suggs, Harwood D. – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Suggs, Orel – Air Force, Korean era
Sumpter Jr., Gary Lee – Air Force Reserves
Surber, Dan – Army, Korean War
Surber, Frank – Army, Korean War
Sweeney, Leonard – Army, Cpl.
Sweeney, Oscar – Marine, Vietnam
Sweet, Bobby Lewis – Marine Corps, 1967-1968
Sweet, David
Sweet, Jerry – Marines, Vietnam Era
Swift, Ronald William – Navy
Swindell, Doyle L. – Air Force
Swinney, Charles B. – Army, Sgt. 1st Class
Swinney, Fred – Army, Pvt.
Swinney, James Clayton – Air Force
Swinney, Johnny – Air Force, A/2C
Swinney, Roy Harry – Navy, WWII
Tabor, George – Army, 1967-1990
Tabor, Marvin T. – Army WWII / Air Force, Korean Conflict (DECEASED)
Tabor, Thomas O. – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Talkington, Ronald James – Army
Talley, William (Bill) – Army Corporal
Tapp, Jerry Leaburn – Army
Taylor, Bobby Joe – Navy
Taylor, Brian K. – Army
Taylor, Chester L.
Taylor, George Porter – Navy, Korean conflict
Taylor, Jack Lee – Army, 1960-1964
Taylor, John Cecil – Navy, 1944-1945
Taylor, John E. – Navy
Teague, Lawrence Carter – Air Force

Tedore, Lori D. – Air Force
Telford, Bob R. – Army
Telford, Richmond G. – Navy
Telford, Trenton E. – Navy
Temberton, Bradley Chase II – Army, Ranger
Templeton, Casey – Marine Corps Cpl., Iraq
Terry, Wayne
Thiedt, Jerold W. – Navy E-3, 1955-1960
Thomas, Alvin – Navy, 1951-1955
Thomas, Carl – Navy, 1980-1989
Thomas, Frank – Air Force
Thomas, Heck Andrew – Army, WWII (DECEASED)
Thomas, J.C. – Army, PFC
Thomas, John Lewis – Navy, 1952-1956
Thomas, John Q. – Air Force
Thomas, Jimmie Dean – Army
Thomas, Millenda – Army
Thomas, Nathaniel – Navy, WWII
Thomas, Samuel – Army, SSG
Thompson, Eugene G. – Army, Colonel
Thompson, Ronald Dean – Army
Thompson, Tommy – National Guard
Thorton, Patty
Thrift, Andy – Army
Thrift, Bradley – Army
Thrift, Jeffrey – Marines
Tinnell, Adam L. – Marines
Tinnell, Michael B. – Air Force
Tippen, Robert, II – Tex. Air National Guard
Toole, Sherwood – Army, WWII
Torrey, Richard C. – Navy, SN E-3
Townsend, Sammie D. – National Guard, 1966-1972
Trammel, Jerry Ray – Marine Corps
Trimmer, Wayne – Navy E-4
Truett, John Ross – Army, Vietnam
Truett, Norman – Army, Pvt. E-2 (P)
Truett, Rondall G. – Army
Tucker, Tommy – Navy
Tuley, Arnold J. – Army, WWII, Sgt. (DECEASED)
Tuley, Everett J. – Air Force, Retired MSgt. (DECEASED)
Tuley, John A. – Air Force
Tuley, Tommy R. – Army, WWII Infantry, Tec5 (DECEASED)
Tune, Dennis – Navy, 1972-1998
Tune, Leslie Lynn
Tupper, Jan – Marines, Captain
Turk, Charles
Turnbull, Albert – Army, WWI (DECEASED)
Turnbull, Raymon – Army, WWII
Turner, Doyle D. – Army, W-2
Turner, Jeffrey
Turner, Jerry – Marine
Tussy, Alex Q. – Army (DECEASED)
Tyler, John William – Army, 1947-1950; 1952-1954
Tyson, Charles – Air Force, E-4
Tyson, Larry James
Underhill, Jerry – Marines, WWII
Underwood, Benjamin – Air Force
Underwood, Billie Lewis – Air Force, Airman 2nd Class
Underwood, Cecil
Underwood, Charles – Army, Sgt. E-5
Underwood, David Lynn – Army
Underwood, Fred – Army NG
Underwood, Harold – Army National Guard
Underwood, J.H. – Army, WWI Pvt. (DECEASED)
Underwood, James – Army, Vietnam Era
Underwood, Jerry – Air Force, 1954-1974
Underwood, Justin – Navy and Army
Underwood, Rachel – National Guard
Underwood Jr., Sampson – Air Force E-6
Underwood, Shawn – Army (OEF/OIF) Major
Underwood, Tecumseh – Army, WWII
Underwood, Thedo – Air Force
Upchurch, Jimmy – Marine Corps, Vietnam (DECEASED)
Vaglio, Jeffery Thomas – Army
Vale, James M. Jr. – Army, Staff Sgt.
Vale, John W. – Air Force
Vann, Charles W. – Air Force
Vann, Gordon P.
Victor, Alfred – Civil War
Von Tungeln, Micheal – Marine
Wade, Lenard L. – Navy, WWII
Wade, Sidney (Bob) V. – Army, WWII
Wafford, Nem D. – Army, Vietnam
Walcott, Jack P. – Air Force, Berlin Crisis
Waldon, Kenneth – Army
Waldon Jr., Burney Douglas – Navy, Vietnam
Walker, Billy Murray – Army Corporal
Walker, David D. – Marine Corps
Walker, Jacob Tandy – Army Corporal
Walker, Jodie D. – Marines, WWII
Walker, Johnny
Walker, Teddy Ray – Navy
Walker, Toni – Marine Corps, 1980-1982
Walker, William Dugles – Navy, Seaman Second Class USS Oklahoma
Walker, William Tandy – Army Medical Service Corps Officer, 1977-2001
Walker, Woodrow W. – Army, WWII
Walker, Wordley – Natl Guard Army-Private 1st Class
Wallace, Christopher Lee – U.S. Army Band, SSGT
Wallace, Clarence – Air Force Airman 1st Class
Wallace, David Lee – Air Force / Air National Guard Reserve, MSGT
Wallace, James A.
Wallace, Joe W. – Air Force, 1971-1991
Wallace, Ludie – Army PFC
Wallace, Ronold – Air Force
Wallace, Robert R. – Marine
Wallace, Tommy Gaylord – Army (DECEASED)
Walton, Ervin – Army, Vietnam Era
Walton, Myrt – Army
Walton, Robert – Army
Walton, Thomas – Air Force
Ward, Michael
Ward, William M. – Army Spc. 4
Warren, Eric – Navy, Afghanistan (DECEASED)
Warren, Teddy L. – Air Force
Washburn, Darrell L. – Army
Washburn, Tracy – Army
Washington, Herman – Army
Washington, Marion
Wasson, Clark – U.S. Marines Corps, Sgt.
Watson, Eddie – Navy, CWO-3
Watson, Jack W. – Navy GMG1
Watts, Lester – Army, SP4 E-4
Weaver, Jesse D. – Army, SP-5
Weaver, Ozzie
Webb, Bryan Christopher – Air Force E-4
Webb, William
Wells, Billy Amon – Air Force Master Sergeant
Wells, Charlie – Army, Sgt.
Wells, Dee – Air Force, S-Sgt.
Wells, Gary C. – Navy, AMS3
Wells, Morgan – Navy Seaman 1st Class
Wells, Phillip – Navy, 1965-1969
Wells, Richard Lee – Navy, Seaman 1st Class
Wells, Shamus Lynn – Navy, 1994-1998
Welsh, James Leroy Jr.
Whatley, Owen N. – Navy, AT3
White, Ben Jr. – Army Air Corp Major, WWII
White, Harry W. – Army Air Corp First Lieutenant, WWII
White, Walter Ross – Army Air Corp, WWII
White, William A. – Air Force, 1968-1974
Whitfield, Billy – Army (DECEASED)
Whitfield, Jack – US Navy AOM 3C
Whitfield, James
Whitfield, Marion Doerton – Navy AOM/1C
Whitfield, Michael
Whitmire, Jackie Lee
Whitt, Doug – Army Air Corps
Wilcox, Jobelle Draughon – Navy Nurse, WWII
Wilkins, Timothy
Willard, Gaylan – Army
Williams, Byron Edward – Air Force
Williams, Douglas John – Navy
Williams, Jacqueline – Army, Persian Gulf
Williams, Kenneth E.
Williams, Lemuel Ralph
Williams, Michael V. – Marine Corps
Williams, Paul G. – Army, Germany
Williams, Robert – Air Force
Williams, Timothy W. – Marines
Williams, Tommy – Air Force, SSGT E-5
Williamson, Arthur – Army, WWII
Williamson, Daniel – Army, Vietnam-Korea
Williamson, James A. – Navy, 1958-1962
Williamson, Jay – Navy, Persian Gulf Era
Williamson, John – Army, Somalia-Iraq
Williamson, Shawn – Marines
Williford, Alan F. – Army National Guard, Vietnam
Williford, John – Army Air Corp, WWII
Williford, Lawrence E. – Navy, WWII
Williford, Samuel F. – Army, WWII
Willis, Carl Frank – Army, Vietnam
Willis, Holmes – ONG
Willis, Jared – Army, Iraq
Willis, John Gibson – Air Force, WWII (DECEASED)
Willis, Orlie Louis
Willis, Overton Love – Army, WWI (DECEASED)
Willis, Roger Dale – Air Force
Willis, Van – Natl Guard Private 1st Class
Willis Jr., Benjamin Forrest – Navy
Wilson, Dustin
Wilson Jr., Harvey – National Guard/ Army SFC, Korea
Wilson, Jackie Dee – Navy
Wilson, Joseph – Army E5, 1966-1968
Wilson, Paul Stanley – Marine Corps, Vietnam
Wilson, Rex – Marines
Wilson, Rick
Wisdom, Beaman – Army
Wisdom, Johnson – Army
Wisdom, Noah Jr. – Army
Wisdom, Noah – WWII (DECEASED)
Wiseman, Ronald – Air Force
Wolf, Leo – Army WWII (DECEASED)
Wolfe, Jan Sr. – Navy, SN E-3
Wood, Robert F. (DECEASED)
Woodruff, David C. – Marines
Woods, Jerry Dale – Air Force
Woodward, James – Army, 1959-1961
Woodward, Robert – Army, 1953-1955
Woody, Charles – Navy 2nd Class Gunners Mate, 1942-1945
Wooley, Robert – Korean Veteran
Worcester, Bill – Army, 1966-1968
Worcester, Frank
Worcester, Lester
Worcester, Melvin
Worcester, Michael – Navy
Worcester, Roy – Marine/NG
Worley, Ted A. – Navy , 1959-1963
Wright, Ethan Andrew – Navy BMSN
Wright, George – Army, E-5
Wright, George Weldon – Army N.G.
Wright, Jesse – Army, Iraq
Wyatt, Richard
Wyers, Patrick – Army , 1957-1959
Wyers, Sampson Jr. – Navy, WWII (PHM2-C)
Wynne, Jimmy J.
Yates, Charles H. –Air Force
Yoakum, Woodrow - Army Seventh Corp 951st F.A.
Young, Gerald – Army, SP-3
Young, James Mansfield – Army
Young, Murray – Marine Corps CW03
Young, Roger B. – Army PFC
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AGENDA ITEM #1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairperson Steve Woods called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

AGENDA ITEM #2 ROLL CALL

Members present: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert (Late arrival), Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Member absent: Mary Jo Green, David Woerz

Staff present: Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary, Harold Stick, Sergeant-At-Arms, Robert Cheadle, Legislative Counsel

Guests present: Dana Lance, Ashley Large, Patricia J. Appl, Janie Hipp, Wilma Pauline Stout Watson, Mike Watson

AGENDA ITEM #3 INVOCATION

Invocation was given by Mrs. Alexander.

AGENDA ITEM #4 READING OF MINUTES - August 16, 2013

A motion was made by Ms. Elliott and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve the minutes.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

10 yes votes

The motion to approve the minutes of August 16, 2013, carried unanimously.

AGENDA ITEM #5: UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business.

AGENDA ITEM #6: REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

(A) **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Pro Tempore Chair Toby Perkins

General Resolution Number 30-042, Resolution Changing the Meeting Day for the October, 2013, Regular Session

This resolution changes the meeting day for the Regular Session of the Chickasaw Tribal legislature in October, 2013. The October Regular Session is the first session of the Fiscal Year and it is important to have all Legislators there because the annual election of officers is held during that Session. Several Legislators have a scheduling conflict with the third Friday of October, 2013, due to the National Congress of American Indians meetings in Tulsa the third week of October; therefore, it is imperative that the Session be held on a different day.

A motion was made by Mr. Perkins and seconded by Ms. Briggs to approve GR30–042.

Mr. Colbert arrived at 9:04 a.m.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

10 yes votes

The motion to approve GR30-042 carried unanimously.

Permanent Resolution Number 30-008, Amendments to Title 2, Chapter 5 Article D of the Chickasaw Nation Code (Legislative Department Employee Rules and Regulations)

This resolution amends Title 2, Chapter 5 Article D of the Chickasaw Nation Code. The amendments will provide for Legislative Department employee policies.

A motion was made by Mr. Perkins and seconded by Ms. Barker to approve PR30-008.

Mrs. Alexander stated she was not comfortable with this legislation because it gave the Chairperson sole authority over personnel practices; and, by including in-house policy as a part of the Code, it would allow the Executive Branch involvement in Legislative matters.

A motion was made by Mrs. Alexander and seconded by Ms. Case to table PR30-008.

Members voting yes:

Beth Alexander, Katie Case

2 yes votes

Members voting no: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert,Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

9 yes votes

The motion to table PR30-008 failed.

A vote was taken to approve GR30-008.

Members voting yes: Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

9 yes votes

Members voting no: Beth Alexander, Katie Case

2 no votes

The motion to approve PR30-008 carried.

Mr. Perkins concluded his report.

(B) **LAND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT** by Committee Chair Linda Briggs

General Resolution Number 30-043, Authorization for Fee to Trust Request for Property in Pontotoc County (S.C.O.R.E.)

The resolution authorizing the acquisition of the subject property (GR13-024) did not authorize the Governor to request the land to be placed into trust. This Resolution authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation. The property is located at 1019 North Broadway, Ada, Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve GR30-043.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR30-043 carried unanimously.

General Resolution Number 30-044, Authorization for Fee to Trust Request for Property in Pontotoc County, (McSwain Theater)

The resolution authorizing the acquisition of the subject property (GR20-053) did not authorize the Governor to request the land to be placed into trust. This Resolution authorizes and approves the Governor of the Chickasaw Nation to request the Bureau of Indian Affairs to place the property U.S.A. in Trust for the Chickasaw Nation. The property is located at 130 West Main Street, Ada, Oklahoma.

A motion was made by Ms. Briggs and seconded by Ms. McManus to approve GR30-044.

Members voting yes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

11 yes votes

The motion to approve GR30-044 carried unanimously.

Ms. Briggs concluded her report.

AGENDA ITEM #7 **NEW BUSINESS** (Comments from Citizens)

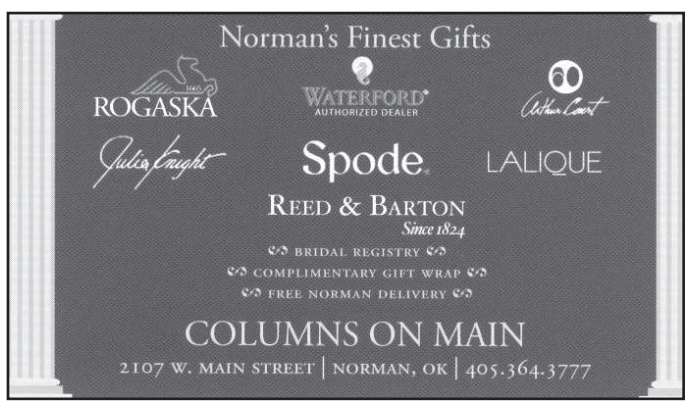
Mr. Colbert noted that he was omitted from the roll call vote on GR30-043 and he was in favor of the motion. Mrs. Alexander addressed a water shortage issue, in Colbert, resulting from a sod farm watering in drought conditions. She also stated she received a call from a family expressing their appreciation for the Governor's awards program for Chickasaw children. Chairperson Woods reminded Legislators of the tour of the gardens after the session.

Mr. Mike Watson made comments regarding the status of his mother's property resulting from HR 37-43, per capita payments, the LIHEAP Program, and a probate program the Nation was operating.

AGENDA ITEM #8 ADJOURNMENT

The Legislative Session adjourned at 9:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Connie Barker, Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislature
Prepared by:
Doretta Sellers, Recording Secretary
Chickasaw Nation Tribal Legislaturez



Chickasaw Citizen

For Sale

For Sale: 2,000 sq. ft. brick home located at 280 S. 2nd Street, Byars, OK. Four-bedrooms, 2 1/2 bathrooms, central heat and air, natural gas, roof is four years old, 12x14 storage building, has three lots 50 x 150 each. Home sits on a corner lot in a nice neighborhood. Contact Doug at (405) 207-0752.

OCTOBER 2013 RESOLUTIONS

General Resolution Number 31-001

Approval of Application for Funding, Grants for Native Americans and Native American Caregiver Support Program

Explanation: This resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's application to the Administration for Community Living/Administration on Aging for funding to help the Chickasaw Nation Division on Aging to provide nutritional and supportive services to Native American elders. This program assists families in caring for an older relative with a chronic illness or disability. The program helps tribes provide multifaceted systems of support services for family caregivers of elders.

Presented by: Human Resources Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Linda Briggs

Land Development Committee Report, presented by David Woerz, committee chair pro temp

General Resolution 31-002

Authorization for Acquisition of Real Property in Johnston County

Explanation: This Resolution approves the Chickasaw Nation's request to acquire real property in Tishomingo, Johnston County Oklahoma, for the expansion of the Chickasaw Nation properties described as follows:

A tract of land located in the E/2 SW/4 of Section 3, Township 4 South, Range 6 East of the Indian Meridian, Johnston County, Oklahoma, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of the SE/4 SW/4 of said Section 3; thence S 89°37'32" E along the North line of said SE/4 SW/4, a distance of 387.32 feet; thence S 00°22'23" W perpendicular to said North line, a distance of 8.53 feet to the point of beginning, said point being the same as the Southwest corner of a tract of land described in warranty deed (City of Tishomingo to the Chickasaw Nation) recorded on 09/04/97, in photo book 151, page 867; thence N 10°30'47" E along the West line of said Chickasaw tract, a distance of 134.72 feet; thence N 70°35'50" W along said Chickasaw tract, a distance of 130.26 feet to the most westerly corner of said Chickasaw tract; thence S 10°29'46" W, a distance of 136.79 feet; thence S 71°29'52" E, a distance of 129.92 feet to the point of beginning, containing an area of 0.401 acres.

Property Location: Sixth Street, Tishomingo, Oklahoma

Use: Addition to the Chickasaw Nation property; it adjoins the old Tishomingo Health Clinic on the south side

Purpose: Self-determination/Economic Development

Presented by: Land Development Committee

Yes votes: Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Linda Briggs

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee of the Whole Meeting
October 21, 2013

Present: Beth Alexander, Linda Briggs, Katie Case, Tim Colbert, Nancy Elliott, Dean McManus, Toby Perkins, David Woerz, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Absent: Connie Barker, Shana Hammond

Finance Committee
October 21, 2013

Present: Toby Perkins, Linda Briggs, Nancy Elliott, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Absent: Connie Barker, Tim Colbert

Health Care Committee
October 7, 2013

Present: Shana Hammond, Connie Barker, Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Scott Wood, Steve Woods

Human Resources Committee
October 7, 2013

Present: Katie Case, Nancy Elliott, Mary Jo Green, Shana Hammond, Steve Woods

Absent: Dean McManus, Toby Perkins

Hunting & Fishing Code
October 7, 2013

Present: Steve Woods, Tim Colbert, David Woerz, Scott Wood

Absent: Toby Perkins

Land Development Committee
October 7, 2013

Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Connie Barker, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Steve Woods

October 21, 2013

Present: Linda Briggs, Beth Alexander, Tim Colbert, Mary Jo Green, David Woerz, Steve Woods

Absent: Connie Barker

2013 Tribal Legislature

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John Edwin Anderson

John Edwin Anderson, 81, of Apache, Okla., died Oct. 8, 2013, at his home with his family by his side.

He was born May 28, 1932, to Edwin and Jeanette Robinson Anderson at Gerty, Okla. He was Chickasaw and Choctaw.

He volunteered extensively in his communities of Chickasha and Apache with youth, elders and churches. He was always known to check in on someone sick or even to visit them cheering them with his bright smile. He traveled to Washington D.C. last year with the Chickasaw Nation for veteran honors.

In 1948 he attended Sequoyah Vocational [Indian] School in Tahlequah, Okla. Beginning as a freshman, he excelled in football, basketball and boxing. He was well known in eastern Oklahoma as "Big John" for his exploits in athletics. John graduated with the Class of 1951.

Mr. Anderson was noted in a book written by Patty Dickinson, "Coach Tommy Thompson and the Boys of Sequoyah."

In 1949, he was first place in the golden glove championship. He graduated from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma in 1979 with a bachelor of arts degree in sociology. He worked with the Chickasha School system at the time of his retirement.

He married the love of his life Zenia Poemoceah, on Jan. 24, 1952. Shortly after he became a U.S. Army soldier and served his country from 1952 to 1954. He was awarded many medals including ACM, NDSM, GGM and was a current member of the Choctaw Code Talkers Association. His great-uncle, Otis Leader, was a World War 1 Choctaw Code Talker.

The Anderson's were recently extras in the movie titled "August: Osage County," filmed in Oklahoma. The movie is due to release on Christmas day 2013. Mr. Anderson was an avid golfer with his friend Stan and others. He hit 'a hole in one' more than once!

He was preceded in death by his father, Edwin Eugene Anderson; his mother, Jeanette Robinson-Anderson; a brother, Robert Otis Anderson; and a sister, Ann (Anderson) Sipes.

He is survived by his wife, Zenia, of the home; three sons, Ray Anderson and Donna Ware, of Apache, John E. Anderson, of Lawton, Okla., and Larry Anderson and Kaye Ross, of Oklahoma City; three brothers, Ronald Wayne Anderson, of Nashville, Tenn., James Woodrow and Fran Anderson, of Fresno, Calif., and David Daniel and Peggy Anderson, of Prague, Okla.; three sisters, Quinne Sue Anderson Witzke (Seq. Cls '54), of Georgia; Tewanna and Dr. John Edwards, of Shawnee, Okla., and Portia Anderson, of Chickasha; and five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren; and many nephews, nieces, cousins and friends.

Sylvia Maude "Skeets" Awtrey

Sylvia Maude "Skeets" (Harris) Awtrey, 86, longtime resident of Ringling, Okla., died October 15, 2013 at Healdton, Okla. Funeral services was October 22 at Alexander Funeral Home Chapel of Ringling with Rev. Carolyn Higdon officiating and Dale Johnson assisting. Interment followed at Ringling Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Awtrey was born February 6, 1927 at Ringling to the late Harley Franklin "Bid" Harris and Pearl (Smith) Harris.

She was raised at Mountain Home attending school there. After school she attended cosmetology school and became employed as a Beautician in Norman, Okla.

She married Mr. Lyndell Awtrey April 2, 1949 at Gainesville, Texas. They resided at several college communities while he was obtaining his college education before they moved back to Ringling. He preceded her in death on November 20, 2000. Shortly after she became a part of Alexander Funeral Home of Ringling. She mostly stayed at night and always had a deep devotion to helping families with the death of their loved one.

She was a proud citizen of the Chickasaw Nation being a direct descendent of the first Chickasaw Nation Governor, Cyrus Harris. Skeets attended the Asphaltum Assembly of God Church.

She was always a very devoted homemaker. She loved to decorate and sell antiques from her antique shop "Finders Keepers" at her home.

He was preceded in death by her parents; daughter-in-law Melinda Awtrey 1984; and a brother, Harley Harris.

She is survived by a soon, Keith Awtey and Vickie Colten; daughters, Jerrye Southward and husband Lindsay, Donna Woolston and husband Chris, Reta Johnson and husband Dale and Karen Cain and husband Brett; sisters, Betty Jo Smith and Joyce Byers; a brother, Benjamin "Frank" Harris; a sister-in-law, Nan Harris; a brother in law, J.C. Awtrey; special lifelong friend and roommate at the Wilson Nursing Home, Grace Dobbins; 12 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and numerous other family and friends.

Pallbearers were Lindsay Southward, Kent Southward, Danny Key, Chris Woolston, Luke Woolston, Dale Johnson, Kelly Tallbear and Bret Cain.

Honorary Bearer will be Zane Gray.

Condolences may be shared online at www.alexanderfuneralhome.org

Robert Scott Greene

Robert Scott Greene, 99, of Big Spring, Texas, died September 26, 2013 at a local hospital. Funeral services were September 30 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Greg Surles, officiating. Graveside services followed at the Dunn (TX) Cemetery.

He was born December 6, 1913 at Ada, Okla. He was the great-grandson of Daughter (Winchester) Colbert.

He married Lula Mae McKnight June 5, 1937 in Lubbock. She preceded him in death April 24, 2010.

Mr. Greene farmed and ranched in the Snyder, Texas area for 61 years. He was instrumental in starting the Scurry County Sheriff's Posse in 1953. He and his wife lived in Dunn for 30 years and came to Big Spring in 1998 to be closer to family.

He was a member of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents, James and Nancy (Colbert) Greene, and a sister, Pauline Ashley of Ira, Texas.

He is survived by a son, Robert Wayne Greene, of Big Spring; two granddaughters, Timary Rosenbaum, of Big Spring, and Marta Simmons, of Lewisville, Texas; five great-grandchildren, Cody, Caden, and Cayla Rosenbaum, and Derek and Draven Simmons; and a sister, Essie Pearl Ellis, of Colorado City, Texas.

Charles "Sonny" Tyson

Charles "Sonny" Tyson, 66, died September 17, 2013. Services were Sept. 21 at Victory Church. Burial to followed at Resurrection Memorial Cemetery.

He was born December 19, 1946 to Carl Tyson and Era Mae Underwood.

He married Carol Young who preceded him in death. He later married Cynthia Tyson.

Mr. Tyson proudly served in the U.S. Air Force from 1973-1983. He was employed by the U.S. Postal Service as a letter carrier for 21 years retiring in 2004. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golf, camping and spending time with family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mother Era Mae; father Carl Tyson; and brothers Melvin "Gube" Underwood, Cecil Carney and Willie Tyson.

He is survived by his wife Cynthia; a son Rick Tyson; a daughter Donna Clifton and husband Tony; step children Melissa Kraft and husband Justin, Kevin Arburtha, and Michelle Miller; eight grandchildren, Jordan Tyson and wife, Jessica, Jessica Edsall and husband, Mike, Taylor Tyson, Amber Clifton, Anthony Clifton, Drew Kraft, Zaida Kraft and Korbyn Kraft; four great-grandchildren: Jordan Tyson II, Michael Edsall, Tony Clifton Jr., and Daphne Stiles; ten brothers and sisters, Curt Carney, Richard Carney, Calvin Carney, Thurman Carney, Darlene Seely, Dean Tyson, Carlene Standifer, Gloria Battice, Nora Lampkin, and Carl Tyson.

STATE OF THE NATION

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We continued work on the Arkansas Riverbed settlement.

We reached an agreement on the re-acquisition of the Chickasaw Capitol building in Tishomingo.

A community development block grant funded the major cost, but then what was left over to pay, we had to pay out in installments over a period of three years.

The Chickasaw legislative and judicial departments operated from the headquarters building in Ada and it was cramped. Space was limited.

Most all services were delivered out of Ada.

We operated 33 programs but we were about 99 percent dependent on the federal funding for our programs.

The Chickasaw legislature passed numerous resolutions and enactments including the employee code, reprinting of the Chickasaw language dictionary and economic development initiatives.

The judicial department issued several decisions regarding the Chickasaw Constitution and helped provide clarity of the lines of authority and operation in tribal government.

All in all, the Chickasaw Nation was on a path of progress. The groundwork had been laid to move the tribe forward.

Much had improved on several fronts and more services were available to the people.

Tribal businesses were poised to provide funding needed to run the operation of tribal government and deliver services to the people.

Well the tribe established goals and they became important to the success of our Nation.

The goals became a plan and then the plan became our vision.

Your tribal government has matured in the 30 years since the 1983 Constitution.

It is more sophisticated, more effective and more professional in nature. It gets more done.

The Chickasaw legislature and judicial departments have established themselves and they've done it in a highly professional fashion, handling their own systems and their processes, employing professional staff and occupying their own buildings and offices.

Each department functions well within the framework that the constitution envisioned.

The legislature established a tribal code of laws. The code is amended when necessary to accommodate new needs or to adjust for changing circumstances.

The goal of establishing a strong financial base for the Chickasaw Nation has been met and is continuing to get stronger.

Operation of the tribal government and services to the people are the highest priorities.

Stability of the government, financial and otherwise, provides the platform for everything else that's done. But, most important are the resulting services.

Now the tribal trust funds were in jeopardy in 1987 but were managed to produce a strong backup for the tribe's treasury.

We no longer utilize the trust funds for the tribal budgets, the balance has grown to over $20 million.

Our assets have grown nearly two hundred fold and title is held to almost 12,000 acres of wholly owned land.

It's a stable holding and today we are on a strong financial base.

Services are our highest priority and the budgets from federal sources and tribal sources are now $170 million and $202 million respectively.

Included in those budgets are governmental costs and the many service programs that we operate.

On the screen in front of you are examples of those programs.

Included are more than 4,000 students that received $15 million in scholarships, grants and other support for their education needs.

We now operate four head start centers serving 271 students.

There are now 12 senior sites that served 157,000 meals last fiscal year.

We compacted with the Federal Government and now operate the entire health system formerly under Indian Health Service.

The system includes six health facilities and provided more than 500,000 patient visits and filled 1.2 million prescriptions during fiscal year 2013.

We now operate a state-of-the-art medical center that replaced the former Carl Albert Indian Health Facility.

The Nation operates 216 tribal programs and 68 federal programs that assist Chickasaws in numerous ways.

And we now have eight regional offices taking the services to the communities that we serve, one of which is in Oklahoma City. No longer do citizens have to drive to Ada to receive needed services.

The Chickasaw Nation now employs almost 13,000 people in various entities and this includes those employed within the tribal government and the more than 100 businesses that we operate.

Those businesses now provide 100 percent of the funding for our tribal programs and budgets.

We settled the Arkansas Riverbed court case and we retained the wetbed of the river.

A fabulous cultural center is now in place and a myriad of tribal cultural programs acquaint Chickasaws and non-Chickasaws alike with the rich culture, history and traditions that make up our wonderful and proud Chickasaw heritage.

When you look at the overall changes that have taken place, we are in a very good situation financially, and that status allows us to do more. It allows us to fund more programs, operate at a higher level and make a greater difference for our people.

We are more unified as a Nation and have greater participation in tribal governmental affairs.

Today, tribes in general, and our tribe more particularly, have risen to a place of prominence in the society around us.

There is greater respect for the institution of tribal government, inside and outside the tribe.

We are experiencing a true renaissance in almost every aspect.

The Nation has risen to a place of influence and the people around us are feeling the effects of that.

Whether it be the effects of an individual citizen's contribution or the tribe's contribution as a whole, we are affecting things like education, government, the economy, health care, social welfare and in general, society around us.

And these effects are positive, making our contribution one of great value to those around us - a dramatic change from 30 years ago.

Today, our people have every right to hold their heads up high and shout from the highest places "Chikasha Poya, We are Chickasaw!"

Ladies and gentlemen, fellow Chickasaws, the state of the Chickasaw Nation is great and getting better every day!

Without our service to you, the Chickasaw people, we would have no mission and without your support, we would go nowhere.

"Through the grace of God, perseverance and hard work has lead to success!" We continue to work toward success.

There is still much more we can and need to do and we intend to continue to work the plan and strive to make things better!

Thank you for allowing me to be your Governor. It has to be the best job anywhere.

I hope you enjoy your day. May God bless and keep you.

Yakoke!!

Additional Information can be found online

To view the complete list of Chickasaw Nation accomplishments, the Financial Report and the video of the May tornado victims Summer and Addyson Roberts and family, visit www.chickasaw.net/2013am

Complete the Customer Service Survey and win!

Chickasaw citizens who complete a tribal customer service survey can win $100.

Chickasaws can access the Customer Service Survey through the tribal website at www.chickasaw.net. The survey seeks input from citizens regarding tribal programs, services and customer service.

After completing the survey, enter the giveaway. The $100 will be given away each quarter. Winners will be announced in *the Chickasaw Times.*